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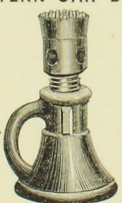
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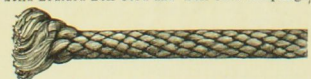
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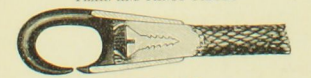
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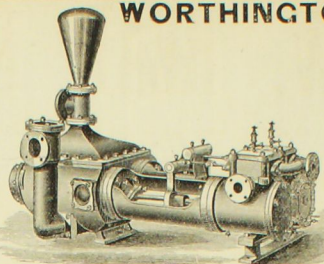


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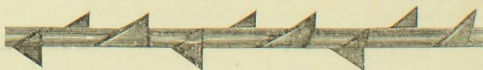
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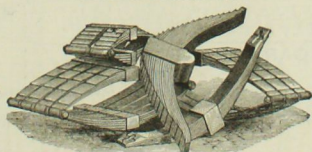
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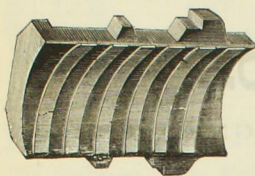
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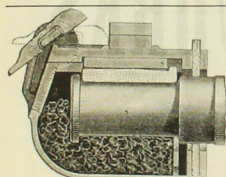
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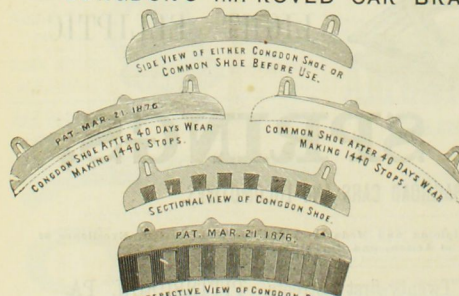
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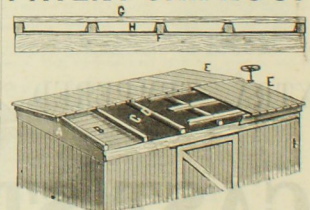


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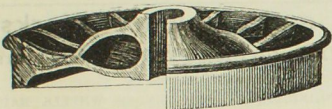
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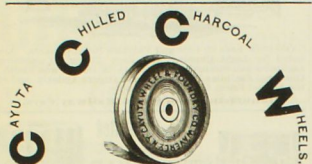
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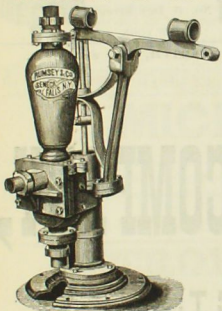
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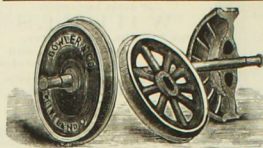
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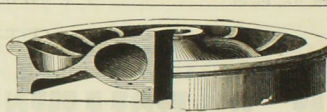
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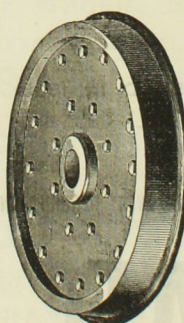
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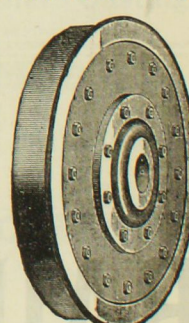
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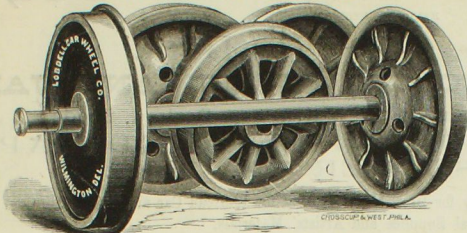
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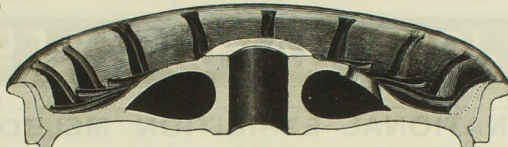
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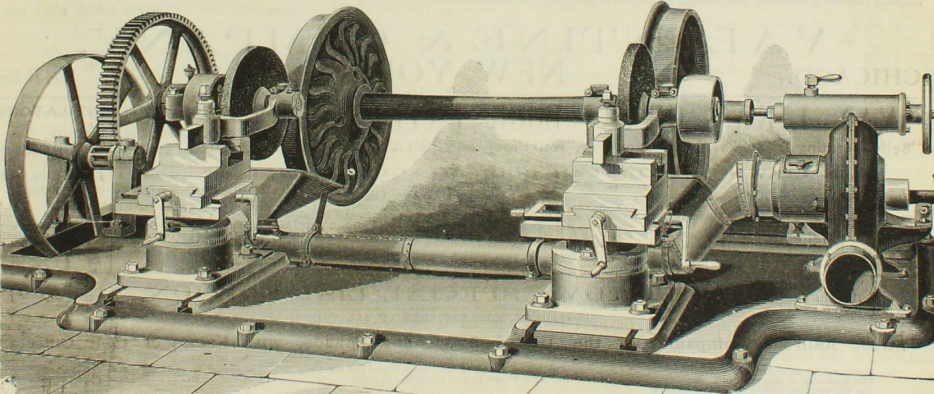
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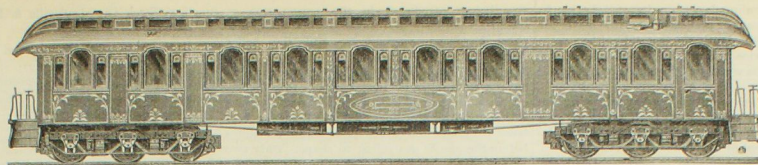
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## Miscellaneous Items.

The Allen Paper Car Wheel Co. are more behind in the filling of orders than before starting their works at Pullman, and arrangements are in progress for duplicating the machinery in these works at once.

The Gilbert Car Works in Buffalo, N. Y., have taken a contract to build 500 freight cars for the Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western, and the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia roads. The cars are to carry 20 tons each.

ANOTHER plan is reported for improving the ventilation of passenger cars. It is similar to the method employed in many of our large city restaurants, and consists of wings like propeller-blades, which are revolved by being connected with a line of shafting. There may be something in this, but we do not think it is altogether practicable for cars, especially sleepers, for two principal reasons—the want of sufficient room for the shafting and wings to work in, and the power to keep them in motion.

THE Inter-State Industrial Exposition at Chicago will open September 7 and close October 23. There will be an improvement in all departments over any previous year. The machinery department will occupy a space of 240 by 600 feet, all of which will be filled without accommodating all the applicants, and constituting the largest exhibition of machinery ever made in this country except at the Philadelphia Centennial. The display will consist of all kinds, both light and heavy, including a large variety adapted to railroad uses in machine and car shops, and will be driven by 1,200 feet of shafting. The exhibitors are from all parts of the country, the Eastern cities being well represented.

SINCE the introduction of steel rails and steel-tired driving-wheels there has been a considerable loss of adhesion in locomotives. This, of course, makes trouble in starting and in going up grades. To load the drivers with a continuous weight sufficient to produce the adhesion required would be hard on the track. To meet the difficulty, some one has invented a "contrivance" by which a part of the weight on the tender can be transferred at will to the driving-wheels in exact proportion to the work the engine is doing. This contrivance, of the details of which we are not advised, is said to have been successfully applied to one engine of the Boston & Albany road which was short of adhesion, and which generally used a box of sand in making a trip.

THE Rhode Island Locomotive Works have delivered to the Atlantic & Pacific Railway Co. 10 locomotives, weighing 60 tons each, in running order; length over all 60 feet; cylinders, 20 x 26; capacity of tenders, 3,500 gallons; weight of each, 25 tons. There are 4 pairs of coupled drivers, 50 inches in diameter, and one four-wheel truck. The fire-box is 10 feet long and 43½ inches wide. The boiler is 58 inches in diameter, wagon top, and

contains 200 2¼-inch tubes. There are a set of steam-gauge cocks for the fireman located at the back head of the boiler, and another set for the engineer, inside the cab. The tops of the cabs are higher than the smoke-stacks of the engines used on the Eastern railroads. The height of the smoke-stacks from the top railing is 16 feet 6 inches. Either hard or soft coal can be burned. The great size and weight of the engines are made necessary by the heavy grades they will have to overcome.

THE Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road is receiving from the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, four a week of a lot of 30 10-wheel locomotives, with cylinders 19 x 24, drivers 4 ft. 6 in., boilers 54 in., fire-boxes 78 x 34½ x 70 in., 171 2¼ in. tubes 14 ft. long, and weighing 50 tons. Tank capacity 3,350 gallons. These are to be followed from the same builders by 10 8-wheel engines with 17 x 24 cylinders, 5 ft. drivers, 50-in. boilers, fire-boxes 72 x 34½ x 66 in., 177 2-in. tubes 12 ft. long, and weighing 40 tons. Tank capacity 2,750 gallons. The road bought last year over 7,000 new freight cars, and is still getting more. Of these the Wells & French Co. are building 300 flat, and the Michigan Car Co. 350 box cars, all of 30-tons capacity, and having M. C. B. axles and journal boxes. The stock cars are 33 ft. long inside. Eight new coaches have just been received from the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co. They have 4-wheel trucks with 8 feet wheel base.

THERE never has been such a busy time at the Union Pacific shops at Omaha as there is at the present season. The numerous extensions of the line, the acquisition of new roads, and the large amount of repairing required on the main line have combined to make an unprecedented rush of work, requiring an increased force of men as well as the running of the shops until 11 o'clock at night. The prospects now are that an all-night force will soon be put on. In the car department there are over 600 men employed, and in the locomotive department 1,100. The new car-work includes 20 cars for the Nevada Central, 12 way cars for the main line, a large number of stock and box cars for the Colorado Central (narrow gauge), and 150 coal houses for the various stations; also 3 baggage cars for the Julesburg extension, and 6 for the main line. Besides, numerous coaches are being rebuilt and repaired. Mr. Stevens, the general superintendent of the car department, is putting up an additional shop 180 x 300 ft.

THE plan of paying premiums for the saving of fuel by firemen and engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad works well. A certain amount of coal is allowed per car per train mile, and whatever the men save of this allowance is paid to them at the rate of 13 cents per 100 pounds, which is a trifle less than the coal costs the company. The list for June shows payments ranging from 83 cents to \$20. The cost per train mile varies with the kind of service, and the weather also affects the consumption

of fuel, so that a man sometimes makes a premium one month and exceeds his allowance next month with the same mileage. One man made \$15.12 in June and only \$6.25 in July, and one engine saved \$40 in three months. Every engine has an account with the coal yard, and every crew a separate account with the engine, so that half a dozen men may have a fuel account with a single engine at the end of the month. The men who handle fuel on this road have in this way learned to practice economy in its use to the mutual advantage of the company and themselves.

THE forthcoming report of the Ohio Railroad Commissioner states that the whole number of persons killed and injured on the railroads of that State during the last 13 years is 6,470. It is also estimated that, including employees, passengers and others, some one is either killed or injured on these roads every 17 hours and 36 minutes, on an average; and with respect to employees alone, one in every 31½ hours. The average number of persons employed each year during this period is 15,034. These figures are no doubt approximately correct. At all events, they are not likely to be very greatly exaggerated, nor is it reasonable to suppose that railroad casualties, in proportion to mileage and traffic, are more numerous in Ohio than elsewhere. In a large number of cases these accidents are the result of individual carelessness or neglect, but it is gratifying to know that railway managers are doing more and more every year for the protection of this class of people. The sums paid by the companies every year as compensation for injuries to employees and others, are enormous, and as a mere matter of economy in the saving of money, to say nothing of individual suffering and loss, every means should be adopted for the better protection of life and limb.

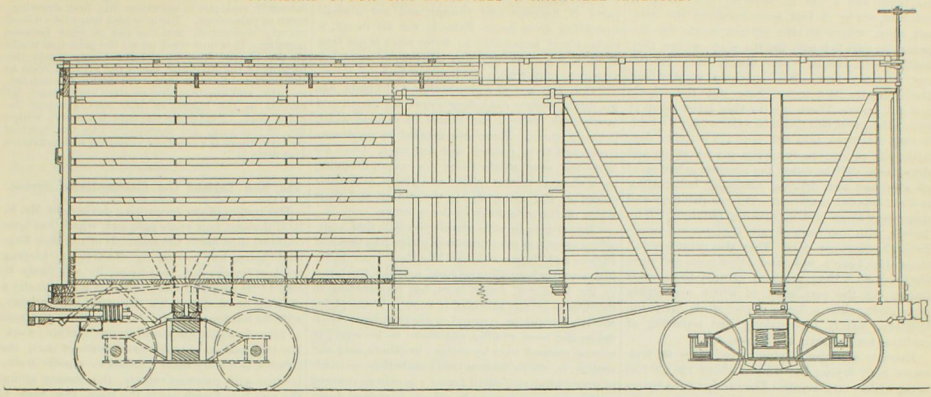
MR. CHARLES LATIMER, Chief Engineer of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio road, has placed on the frogs and guard rails in the Cleveland yard a new invention, called a "foot-guard," and which is designed to prevent people from being caught in these traps and held fast to be either killed or injured by switching or other engines. Hundreds of persons are caught in this manner every year, and there is an urgent demand for some effective means for its prevention. Mr. Latimer first tried a dozen of these appliances in the yard, and has since ordered ten dozen more to be distributed on the line. The invention consists of a flat steel spring placed in the opening, or "boot-jack" ends, of frogs and guard rails, or in any place where one's foot would be likely to be caught. This spring fills the place sufficiently to keep the foot out of it, while it will yield at the same time to the pressure of the wheel flanges, and thus avoid any risk of running the wheels off the track, which would not be the case if a rigid substance instead of a spring were used. Casualties of this kind have become so frequent in Michigan that the legislature of that State at its last session, and just before its close, passed a bill



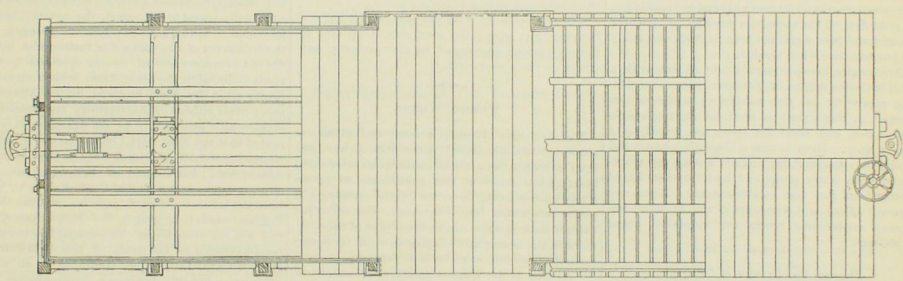




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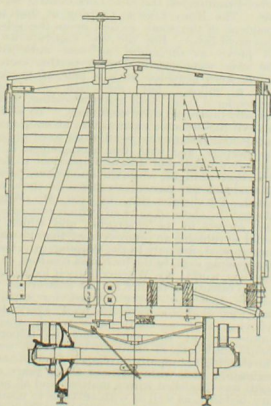
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ameter, around which is placed a dozen molding flasks. A big ladle, holding 10 tons of molten iron, supplies small ladles, which travel all around this foundry and fill the molding flasks, while two cupolas melt the iron. Adjoining is the annealing room, containing 45 pits arranged in two circles, one within the other, where the wheels are annealed, each pit holding about 20 wheels. The wheels stay in these pits four or five days. This wheel foundry, employing over 100 men, who cast about 200 wheels a day, uses up in the operation about 25 tons of iron. A peculiarity of this work is the fact that, although the molds are all made alike, yet the wheels vary in size, sometimes a half-inch in circumference, due to the variation in hardness of the iron. Pairing them by measure with a brass tape is therefore necessary, the diameter being stenciled upon them.

The locomotive shops employ about 2,300 men, and can turn out 100 locomotives a year, besides repairing as many more. They built 85 new locomotives last year. The chemical and physical laboratories are well appointed and under excellent management.

The car shops cover over 76 acres, with the adjacent shops for the department of maintenance of way. The great round house, which is a 40-sided polygon, is the place where freight cars are built and repaired. It is 420 feet in diameter, and



End Elevation and Section.

has 40 radiating tracks converging to a central turntable, 65 feet in diameter. This turntable is not roofed over, but the round house has an inner wall, so that it represents a huge ring, with outer and inner walls about 100 feet apart. There can be 114 freight cars building in this shop at one time, and 500 new cars can be turned out in a month, all the materials completed elsewhere being brought here and put together. If there is no new building going on there can be 2,000 cars repaired in a month.

The passenger-car erecting shop covers 210 by 133 feet, and has five lines of rails, while 20 cars can be building in it at one time, and, on an average, one new passenger car can be turned out for every day in the year. The planing mill is 222 by 73 feet, and contains nearly all the wood-working machines, the rough timber being here made up into the parts required for cars. These machines cut up 2,000,000 feet of lumber in a month. The sawdust and shavings are conducted by air draft to two capacious towers near the boiler house, where they are used for fuel.

The blacksmith shop is 358 by 73 feet, and contains 34 double forges, besides other furnaces for heating bolts and springs. The forges are arranged on the long sides of the building, while in the central space are steam hammers, punching and bolt-making machines, drilling and shearing

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machines, and a fan to blow all the fires. A building, 302 by 73 feet, accommodates the cabinet shop, where all the cabinet work for the passenger cars is made; the tin shop, where they make roofs, lamps, water filters, etc., for the car service; and the machine shop, where they prepare the axles, bore out the wheels and cut bolts. There are in this latter shop 11 axle lathes, that will finish 50 axles a day; 3 wheel-boring machines, that will bore 125 wheels a day; hydraulic presses to force the car wheels on and draw them off the axles, the pressure going up to 40 tons, and also drilling, centering, bolt-cutting and nut-tapping machines. The car painting and upholstery shops are in another building, 393 by 73 feet, with four lines of rails that can accommodate 28 passenger cars. They also paint here all the station boards, mile and other posts and signs for the road. Here are also painted the canvas linings for the cars, some of which are highly decorated; while a large force work upon upholstery, mainly the making and repairing of cushions for car seats and backs.

There is a timber drying house, 65 by 30 feet, steam heat drying the timber, about 120,000 feet being dried every month. The lumber yard covers 12 acres, and contains great stacks and piles of the various kinds of timber, and with tracks leading to all of them, there being usually about 8,000,000 feet on storage, and 50 men engaged in handling it. A good deal of the storage is for finished parts of freight and passenger cars kept in stock and ready to put together when needed.

The engine house covers 105 by 28 feet, with a double Corliss engine of 250 horse-power, furnishing power for all the machinery in the various shops. A large yard is used for storing wheels and axles, and here the latter are tested by a heavy drop. There is also a fire engine house and a regular organized fire brigade among the workmen, with water plugs and hydrants distributed throughout the vast establishment. There are general offices and storehouses, and in these immense car-building works are employed about 1,900 men.

#### Physical Peculiarities of California.

Bishop Haven, writing to the *Christian Advocate*, gives his impressions of the great Pacific State as follows:

"California is the most mysterious of all the States I have yet seen; and I have traveled, more or less, in all but three. No brief description can give any adequate view of it. The cyclopedia pictures are, as usual, monotonous and cadaverous while the sketches by travelers often fall into the error of representing the whole as like some little spot that happened for a time to fill the eye. California is full of contradictions. To those who wish to study it before seeing it we would recommend two precepts, namely: 1. Believe all that you read and hear about it; 2. Believe nothing that you read and hear about it; for all is probably true of some place, and nothing is true of a majority of the places. It is 700 miles long, north and south, and nearly 200 east and west—an immense nation of itself. It is a land of mountains, some perpetually snow-clad, and of valleys and plains, in most of which snow is never seen—except at a distance—a land, some of which is as barren as Sahara, and which yet could furnish several Egypts fully as fertile as the original valley of the Nile; a land of corn and honey and wine; of oranges, lemons, plums, apricots, peaches, almonds, and English walnuts and apples; of potatoes and beets, and squashes and melons; of treeless and grassless prairies and dense jungles, and shrubs and trees that began to grow before the times of Noah, and seem never to have found a stopping-place; a land of coal and silver and gold; of grizzly bears, coy-

otes and gophers, and of men and women from all parts of America and Europe, and not a small sprinkling from Asia. Take it for all in all, it seems about impossible to write what is not true about it. Still we will not try, but, as usual, endeavor to keep within the limits of fact.

"One can see at a glance that California has mountain ranges extending crookedly north and south, with valleys and plains of various width between them. These are crossed by numerous passes and river courses east and west. Over all blow the west winds from the ocean, dropping their showers on the valleys and plains, and their snows on the mountains in the winter, and their water on the mountains in the summer.

"Sometimes in your travels you will find yourselves sweeping over immense plains like those of Illinois and Texas, only not like the former in being actually boundless to view, nor like the latter in the border of forest trees, but terminating in mountains on one side clad in snow. These plains sometimes will be covered with fenceless wheat-fields, the most prolific anywhere to be seen; in others, roamed over by cattle; in others, arid and useless; in others, broken into numberless orchards of every kind, and small farms; in others, covered with patches of forest; in others, narrowed down into valleys; in others, broken into hills and vales. The kind of agriculture suited to one place would be utterly useless in another.

"Thus, California, with the usual variety of soil, becomes just about the most mixed up and infinitely various country of its size probably anywhere on the round earth."

Webster Wagner.

The *Traveler's World*, a new and attractive semi-monthly illustrated paper which has just been started in New York, contains an interesting biographical notice of this gentleman, so extensively known as the inventor of the sleeping and parlor cars which bear his name. The following extract indicates the successive stages of improvement in the design and construction of these cars since the first ones were built 23 years ago:

"As soon as Mr. Wagner's plans were completed, Messrs. George B. Gates and T. N. Parmalee, of Buffalo, and Morgan Gardner, of Utica, associated themselves with him in his enterprise. Four cars were constructed at a cost of \$3,300 each, and commenced running on the New York Central Sept. 1, 1858. The Hon. Erastus Corning, at that time President of the road, looked upon the scheme with great favor. But the first experiments did not prove as successful as was anticipated. The cars were provided with berths, each of which were provided with a pair of blankets, and a pillow, but the lack of ventilation rendered them close and suffocating, and effectually destroyed their usefulness. To remedy this evil the inventor's genius was at once taxed. In this first system the ventilators were opposite the sleepers, and with this arrangement it was not only difficult, but almost impossible to leave them open at night, while the atmosphere became vitiated and the passengers stifled if they were closed. To obviate this, in 1859, Mr. Wagner adopted the elevated car roof, which immediately gave success to the enterprise, and which was found so valuable an improvement that it was at once applied, not only to the sleeping cars but to all traveling cars, to the increased comfort of the traveling world. Mr. Wagner himself looked upon it as so essential a feature for the comfort of passengers that he never applied for a patent, and was glad to have it used everywhere, believing that a contrivance which was so simple and at the same time so important should not belong to one man but to the world. The sleeping car rapidly developed from its crude beginning, and within two or three years each berth was furnished with a mattress and all necessary bedding, as well as with curtains to insure a desirable privacy. Such cars now cost from \$16,000 to \$17,000 each. The sleeping car had no sooner become an assured success than the inventor turned his attention to another department of comfort in traveling. He resolved to do for the

day what he had done for the night, and in 1867 invented and put in operation his first drawing-room or palace-car. The new idea was everywhere eagerly welcomed, and the car at once became popular. It is now used on all the principal roads of the United States, and has not only made the fortune of the inventor, but is the greatest boon to the tourist. Several cars, built within the last few months, and now running on the Central road, far exceed in the luxury of their appointments the older cars. For while the cars of to-day, which are 66 feet long, are essentially like the original pattern, there is a constant variation in decorations and fittings."

#### The New England Car Clearing-House System.

The system of car accounting devised by Mr. E. B. Hill about four years ago, and which has been confined thus far to the railroads of the New England States, has proved so effective in keeping track of freight cars, that its merits are likely to lead to its adoption elsewhere. It is practically a clearing-house system for adjusting car mileage, with its headquarters in Boston, where upwards of fifty clerks are employed in the routine work. For information as to the movements of cars, the reliance is mainly upon conductors' reports in connection with junction reports, the former giving the number of each car in the train, the road to which it belongs, where it was received, and where and to what road delivered. This, with the junction reports, furnishes a history of each car so far as its daily travel is concerned, the returns being tabulated so as to detect any possible omission by the conductor of any particular train. The benefits of the system are of course confined to the roads included in the association, which includes nearly all in the New England States, although other roads outside of this territory are sometimes incidentally benefited. As an example, it is reported that the New York Central on one occasion claimed that 2,100 of its cars were on the Boston & Albany road; but instead of this being so, the clearing-house demonstrated the fact that at that time the whole number of cars on all the New England roads belonging to the New York Central did not exceed 700. The system has recently been extended to the roads of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., which comprise in all some 700 miles. For this purpose a clearing-house has been established in Albany, with the necessary corps of clerks; and it is not improbable that the merits of the system will at no distant day cause it to be more widely adopted for the adjustment of freight, ticket and car service balances.

THE Wells & French Co. is building 200 box cars, 20 tons capacity, and 33 ft. long inside, for the Wisconsin Central. They have M. C. B. standard axles and journal boxes. The Wason Company is also building for this road another passenger car with solid mahogany finish.

SOME new passenger cars on the West Jersey railroad, operated by the Pennsylvania, are thus described: The interiors are of light oak, the lines of carving in the simplest patterns and the seats upholstered in a plush that in color lies just between a maize and olive. There is no frescoing, gilding or paint or any other colors save the pale yellow oak and the soft yellow green plush. The effect is beautifully light and cool after the stifling monotony of red plush that has been so unchangingly adhered to for a generation of car builders. After looking into these ordinary passenger coaches no one cares to immerse themselves in the heavy and glowing interior of the crimson-furnished Pullmans. The Pennsylvania railroad has achieved a remarkable success this last time, and Eastlake and all his disciples would have nought but praise for the simplicity, strength and fitness, and above all for the perfect chord of color in the interior finish of these new cars.



Table for the Valuation of Freight Cars.  
CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE MASTER CAR-BUILDERS' RULE NO. 17, BY JOHN ORTTON.

DESCRIPTION.	Eight-wheel Box Car, length 32 to 35 feet.	Eight-wheel Box Car, under 32 feet, length 28 to 30 feet.	Eight-wheel Gondola Car, 20 ton, drop or hopper bottom.	Eight-wheel ordinary Gondola Car with flat bottom.	Eight-wheel ordinary Flat Car, 31 feet long or over.	Eight-wheel ordinary Flat Car, 30 feet or under.	Percent-ages of new prices for cars, trucks or parts.
Age.	Value.	Annual de-precia-tions.	Value.	Annual de-precia-tions.	Value.	Annual de-precia-tions.	Per cents.
New	\$575.00		\$550.00		\$450.00		100.00
End of 1st year	540.50	\$34.50	517.00	\$33.00	423.00	\$27.00	94.00
" 2d	508.07	32.43	485.08	31.02	397.62	25.38	88.39
" 3d	477.59	30.48	456.33	29.16	374.79	23.86	82.53
" 4th	448.93	28.66	429.41	27.41	351.34	22.42	76.07
" 5th	422.00	26.93	403.65	25.76	329.96	21.08	69.19
" 6th	396.07	25.33	379.43	24.22	310.44	19.82	62.87
" 7th	373.87	23.80	356.46	22.77	291.82	18.62	56.54
" 8th	350.50	22.37	335.26	21.40	274.31	17.51	50.22
" 9th	329.47	21.03	315.15	20.11	257.85	16.46	44.00
" 10th	309.71	19.76	296.34	18.91	242.38	15.47	37.87
" 11th	291.12	18.59	278.46	17.78	227.83	14.55	31.83
" 12th	273.65	17.47	261.79	16.70	214.16	13.67	25.88
" 13th	257.24	16.41	246.05	15.71	201.32	12.84	20.00
" 14th	241.80	15.44	231.28	14.77	189.23	12.09	14.29
14 years 297 days	230.00	11.80	220.00	11.28	180.00	9.23	10.00
	\$345.00		\$330.00		\$270.00		
Final value	40 per ct.	60 per ct.	40 per ct.	60 per ct.	40 per ct.	60 per ct.	

The Valuation of Freight Cars.

ST. THOMAS, ONT., August, 1881.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builders.

For the convenience of master car-builders and others who may have to make settlements for foreign freight cars destroyed on their roads, I have prepared the accompanying table of annual valuations of various classes of cars, based on the Master Car-Builders' rule No. 17, commencing with their established or assumed new values, and reducing them annually at the rate of six per cent. on their continuously depreciated values, until they reach the fixed limitation of 40 per cent. and the total sum of their depreciations amount to 60 per cent. of their new values, which occur in all cases when the cars reach the age of 14 years and 297 days, at which period depreciation ceases.

When a car is destroyed at an intermediate portion of any year, the valuation up to date is easily arrived at in the following manner: Multiply the whole amount of depreciation for that year by the number of months or days up to the time when destroyed, and divide the product by the total number of months or days in a year—12 or 365 as the case may require—and the quotient being deducted from the preceding annual valuation will give the current value.

As an example, suppose a car of the \$550 series is destroyed when 3 years and 3 months old; to find its value? At the end of its third year it was worth \$450.82, and the annual depreciation for the fourth year is \$27.41, then

$$\frac{27.41 \times 3}{12} = \$6.85$$

hence, \$450.82—\$6.85 equals \$443.97, the current value of the car at 3½ years old.

Again, suppose a case of a similar class of car destroyed at the age of 5 years and 70 days; to find its value? At the end of the fifth year, the table gives the value of car as \$403.65, and the annual depreciation for the sixth year is \$24.22; then

$$\frac{24.22 \times 70}{365} = \$4.64$$

hence \$403.65—\$4.64 = \$399.01, which is the value of the car at the age of 5 years and 70 days.

Appended to the table is a percentage column worked out to three places of decimals to show the depreciated value of 100, at the rate of six per cent. for 14 consecutive years and 297 days. By using the figures in this column, the depreciated values of any class, or part of car or trucks, can be quickly calculated for any given period.

To use this column, multiply the new value assigned to a car, or set of trucks, by the percentage opposite any given year, and the product will give the then current value. The value for any intermediate portion of a year will be found in the same way as shown in the examples given above.

Example: To find the values of cars at four years old, their original or assigned values being \$550, \$525, and

\$460, respectively. The percentage column shows that in four years 100 has at the rate of six per cent. per annum, depreciated to 78.075; hence

$$\begin{aligned} \$550 \times 78.075 &= \$429.41 = \text{value of car 4 years old.} \\ 525 \times &= 409.89 & & \\ 460 \times &= 359.15 & & \end{aligned}$$

JOHN ORTTON,  
Canada Southern Railway.

Pennsylvania Railroad Fast Passenger Locomotives.

The one great attraction just now, and for some time past, at the Jersey City terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is the new fast passenger locomotives recently built for service on the New York Division. The first one of the class was completed and commenced running in April last, and is known as "No. 10." A description of it was published in the CAR-BUILDER for May. The boilers are of the wagon-top pattern, and are 52 in. in diameter; fire-boxes 10 ft. long by 3 ft. 4½ in. wide; driving-wheels 78 in. in diameter; cylinders 18 x 24 in.; total weight 92,500 pounds; and length over all 57 ft. One peculiar feature is the extension of the fire-box backwards and flush with the door of the cab. This places the seats of the engineer and fireman about 3 ft. forward of the end of the boiler, and much higher than they are with ordinary boilers. The space occupied by the engineer is that commonly used for the sweep of the reverse lever. On this account this lever is dispensed with, and the reversing and valve gear operated by steam, by means of a small cylinder attached to the boiler just forward of the cab, with the piston-rod running backward near the side of the boiler. To this piston-rod is attached a graduated slide-bar which is connected with the valve gear forward, after the manner of the lower end of the ordinary reverse lever. This reversing and cut-off gear is worked by the engineer by the simple movement of a cock-lever and a small hand-wheel. The only apparent defect in this arrangement is, that the packing of the oil cylinders, being of vulcanized rubber, does not stand the test, but the defect will doubtless soon be remedied.

These engines make the run between Jersey City and Philadelphia (90 miles) in 1 hour and 55 minutes, schedule time, and with a train of six cars, one or two being drawing-room cars. Sometimes there are eight cars, but this makes too heavy a train for the desired speed. The wheels slip badly on the start, which make these engines unsuited for local trains and frequent stops; but when

once under way they make good time, and their general performance is satisfactory, especially the fuel record, which shows a consumption of 9,500 pounds of coal for the round trip of 180 miles, while other engines consume from 13,000 to 13,000 pounds for the same distance. No attempt has been made to make extra fast time, but only to haul from six to eight instead of four coaches, as formerly by other engines. There are seven of these engines now in service, and three more will soon be completed. Thus far their performance has been satisfactory, but aside from a saving of fuel they do not appear to possess any special advantages over ordinary good passenger engines.

The Shop Foreman.

It would seem, at first glance, that a shop foreman should be the best general workman in the establishment, and this is undoubtedly desirable if one can be found with the other qualifications necessary to a good foreman; but this is not often the case. Let us see what combination of qualities the best general workman must possess to make him eligible as a foreman.

He must be a sober man who makes six days a week. He should have the confidence of his employers and the respect of the workmen. He should know how to manage as well as to command men. He must be able, in the shop at least, to entirely divest himself among the men of his old standard as a workman. He must be strictly impartial, and have the tact to find out the best way to get along with the men he has, and not those he would like to have. He must be able to plan ahead, have a good memory, a quick perception, be a rigid disciplinarian, and possess sound judgment; and because these qualifications are not often combined in the best workman is the reason why such a man is not always made foreman, and why the foreman is not always the best workman of the shop.—Mechanical Engineer.

As all know, the wooden part of a monkey-wrench handle will sooner or later split off, and turn an otherwise good tool into an unsightly looking and almost useless piece of old metal. All that needs to be done to prevent splitting is to recess the nut which holds the handle on the body of the wrench. It is suggested that those who manufacture such goods would do well to manufacture them in this manner,



## Communications.

## Rails and Wheels.

To the Editor of the National Car-BUILDER:

Much discussion has of late been going on among machinists and car-builders relative to the advantages of coning car and locomotive wheels. While some are inclined to follow the universal practice of coning wheels, others declare they can see no good in it. It is noticeable, however, that those who can see no virtue in the practice, always make coning a point when designing wheels for any kind of rolling stock. It may be superfluous to say that the object of coning wheels is to facilitate their passage around curves; but, in order to make the subject more clear, we may be pardoned for making mention of a fact which is patent to all practical railway men. Almost every one knows that there is an inch play between the wheel flanges and the rails. This, on tangents, would give room for some lateral and vertical oscillation, and may be regarded by some as objectionable on that account. If we build a track in a complete circle of 500 feet radius, and put a locomotive on it with 5 ft. 6 in. drivers, it would require one more revolution of the outer driver than of the inner one to get around the curve. Now, it is easy to see that if the locomotive keeps its flange against the outer rail it runs on its larger diameter and the opposite wheel runs on its smaller diameter, which facilitates its passage around curves.

Then here arises another question. If a light passenger train is running at a high rate of speed, the flange of the wheel is sure to follow the outer rail. In this case the benefit of the cone is obvious, but in case of a long freight train passing a sharp curve on a heavy grade, the power required to pull the train would draw the flanges of the wheels against the inner rail, especially the cars in the middle of the train. It is easy to see that a locomotive laboring hard with a freight train on a curve has a tendency to "straighten out the train." To do this it must draw the flanges of the wheels against the inner rail, and here would be an obvious disadvantage of coning. But now let us reverse the state of affairs. Let the train be running on the same curve and grade in the opposite direction, and every flange in the train will be pressed against the outer rail. In this case it is difficult for many to see where there is any advantage in coning, inasmuch as the train running in one direction effects the outer rail, and that running in the opposite direction has a powerful friction on the inner rail.

Then here comes in the proper elevation of the outer rail on curves. Some engineers claim that there is no advantage in super-elevation of the outer rail, but the best roads on this continent have a rule for curve elevation, and long experience proves that elevation to a certain degree is not only desirable but an absolute necessity.

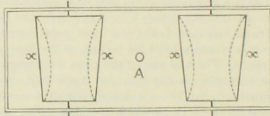
What may be called a mechanical absurdity is to make a wheel conical, and the rail flat on the surface, so that the wheel has no bearing on the rail except for a space of about half an inch on the inner side. This is all wrong. When a rail is placed in the track its whole surface should be exposed to the wear of the tread of the wheel. Rails are laid perpendicular, and present only their inner longitudinal surfaces to the wear of the wheel tread. This soon wears away the cone of the wheels, and some mechanics argue that inasmuch as the cone wears away there is no good in the plan. But look at the matter in its true light. There are cast iron, steel-plated frogs that have no bevel, and it only takes a short time to wear the cone from a wheel. Now, if the rails and wheels were made to conform to each other when new, the railway companies would not be subject to the expense of wearing out half the life of the track and rolling stock before they had rails and wheels near to perfection. One of the best railroads on this continent adds the ties so as to incline the rails inwardly. This brought the tread of the wheels to a full bearing on the rail, as it should be, and it also gives full benefit of the coning. The idea that there is no good in the coning of wheels arises from the fact that they were cylindrical or straight so soon after being put to use. There are several causes for this which may be removed by the every-day practice of the car-builder and track man. The cone of the wheel is worn away by the brake-shoe, which is usually placed parallel to the axle, and not with the face or tread of the wheel as it should be. And again, the effect of sand and slip-

ping, the sharp corners of frogs, and rails misplaced, all combine to destroy the cone.

As I have already said, there are circumstances under which a coned wheel is an advantage, and also when it is a detriment to a limited extent.

In running a long freight-train around a sharp curve and up a heavy grade, the flanges would be drawn against the inner side of the inner rail, and the wheel would be on its larger diameter where it should not be. On the New York elevated roads there are curves of very short radius. On these short curves the engineer has very properly increased the width of the gauge. This gives all the advantage possible to be gained from the coning of wheels. If we make wheels cylindrical, and run them around sharp curves, there is a powerful torsion on the axle, which in time amounts to crystallization and breakage. Investigation shows that it is better to cone the wheel and incline the rail inwardly than to lay the rail perpendicular with a coned wheel.

Any one who has any doubts as to the advantages gained by the coning of wheels may convince himself by a very simple experiment, which will be explained below. The writer once tried to convince an engineer that to cone a wheel was a proper thing to do. One argument presented was that a conical-shaped piece of wood, or any other substance, would run in a curve when passing down an inclined plane by its own gravity. But the engineer was not satisfied with the illustration, and made two cones and placed them in a rectangular frame, after the manner of axles in a car truck, and parallel to each other. He then placed his "truck" on an inclined plane, and expected to see it start off by its own gravity on a tangent. On the contrary, it did not run at all until the incline was elevated to an angle of 45 degrees. The reason is obvious. A single cone is not bound by connection with any other, but acts of its own gravity, and is not turned from its natural course by any hampering attachments, whereas, when two cones are confined in a rigid rectangular frame, as in the cut, one cone acts as a brake on the other.



The effect of thus placing two cones in a frame would be to cause the frame to rotate on a center if it were moved by force. The tendency of each one of the cones is to run in a curve to the left, but as there is a bearing the entire length of the cones, and as much friction at  $x, x, x, x$ , as at the ends, it is clear that a model constructed on this plan will not run either on a tangent or a curve, unless force is applied. But cut away the cones, as indicated by the dotted lines, so they will only have a bearing at the ends, then the model will run freely in a curve.

A very cheap and simple model of a truck may be made by taking a couple of empty thread spools of equal size, and plugging up the holes with soft wood. Then take a block of wood  $3\frac{1}{2}$  or 4 inches long, and as wide as the spools are long, get some cardboard or pieces of cigar-box, and tack to each side of the block, then, with toilet-pins for journals, running rather loosely in the side pieces, but held firmly by the spools, you have a miniature truck in running order. Place it on a table, and then raise the table so as to make an inclined plane, and your truck will move off gracefully in a tangent. Now, with a sharp knife reduce the circumference of the ends of the spools on one side, say  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch. This you can do by paring off  $\frac{1}{8}$  all round. Your truck will now run in a curve, the radius of which is decided or governed by the size of the spools and the difference in the size of the ends where they have their bearing on the incline.

From the foregoing it would seem that coned wheels would have many advantages over cylindrical treads, if such were put into use. The lateral motion complained of would certainly be much less in the former than the latter mentioned wheel. If a wheel were made with a straight tread, any lateral force throwing the locomotive or car from side to side by imperfections in the track, centrifugal force, or any of the causes which produce end-thrust of axles, there would be nothing but the friction on the rail to counterbalance the tendency

to oscillation and shocks. Now, if a wheel is coned, and there is a weight of 5 tons on that wheel, there must be force enough added to raise 5 tons  $\frac{1}{8}$  in., or  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., as the case may be. In this manner some of the natural forces have a tendency to counterbalance, or neutralize each other.

"Again," as the good man in the pulpit says, we will take the case of a locomotive, weighing 40 tons, standing on rails that are perfectly level and straight. The wheels on either side must, of course, bear a weight of 20 tons; we will also suppose that all the wheels of this engine are placed with their flanges an equal distance from the rail—that the lateral motion is equally distributed all around. We will now get this flange in motion, and after running it a distance we find all the flanges press against the rail on one side of the track. Some of the forces that combine to produce lateral oscillation have had extra labor to perform in raising 20 tons at least  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch. Now if the wheels had been cylindrical, these forces would have been relieved of this weight, and could have produced a powerful lateral shock; whereas, with the weight that must be raised, the lateral oscillation is reduced to a minimum. Secondly, on this latter proposition; place two pairs of wheels of equal weight (fitted to axles of course), one with coned wheels and the other with straight tread. We want to move these axles endwise so as to bring the flanges against the rail. In doing this we move the straight tread on a horizontal plane, and there is nothing to overcome but the natural friction, but when we come to move the coned wheels, we are moving a weight up an inclined plane. This is another instance of the extra force that is required to produce violent lateral oscillation when coned wheels are used.

Again, it is somewhat remarkable that if a train comes to a rest on a tangent, the flanges of every wheel in the train will, if measured, be found at the same distance from the rail on either side of the track. The measurement of thousands of wheels on track in good condition (on tangent), will show but trifling variation in the distance of the flanges from the rails. In some instances, where the treads of the wheels have been worn "concave," their flanges may be found "hugging" the rail; but with treads in good condition, it is seldom that a flange can be found pressing the rail on a tangent track. It was stated in the beginning of this article that one of the disadvantages of coning wheels was in case of heavy freights on sharp curves passing up heavy grades. This would obviously wear the inner rail, for the reason mentioned, namely, the tendency of the motive power to "straighten out the train." Now suppose the same train to be going in the opposite direction, at a greater velocity, as would naturally be the case, the centrifugal force would press the flange against the outer rail. But if the track is properly elevated, both rails will wear alike, and no damage result from the coning, as has been argued by many, and in one sense not altogether without reason. The principal difficulty is to get *any one* to look on both sides of a question in discussing matters of this kind. One gets an idea from a casual observation, and when once the idea becomes seated in his cranium, no amount of proof will change it. The persistent refusal of railway officials to accept facts for proof, has cost the railway community millions of dollars, but as this is a progressive age we may reasonably expect investigations at an early day that will demonstrate to a certainty the advantage in coned wheels, and rails laid inclined inwardly, so as to give a full bearing when new, and prolong the life of both wheels and rails at an immense saving to consumers of this costly property.

WM. S. HUNTINGTON.

## Locomotive Valve Gear—The Link Motion.

To the Editor of the National Car-BUILDER:

Perhaps the best way of illustrating the faults of the link as a cut-off device is by indicator diagrams. In the one herewith presented, two diagrams are shown, one over the other, as it were, for the purpose of comparison—one from a link engine (locomotive) of modern design, and the other from a riding-valve cut-off stationary engine. The atmospheric line is not shown, neither is the clearance line, as neither is necessary in comparing the actions of the valves. The unbroken line is from the stationary engine, and the dotted line



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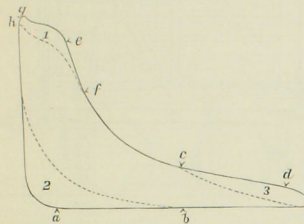
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In the card from the locomotive (dotted line) the steam follows the piston to *f*. The sudden falling



off of pressure from the start is due to the contracted opening of the port, and results in withdrawing the steam from *a* to *f*. This contracted opening of the port when cutting off, or as it is sometimes aptly termed, "chawing off" close, is a fault that cannot be overcome in the link. An attempt to remedy the difficulty by means of long ports has been made, but signally fails, as is shown by the card, which is from a  $16 \times 22$  cylinder with 15 in. ports. Long ports necessitate big valves, and big valves necessitate balancing, and as is well known, no practical balance valve for the locomotive has yet been invented.

From *f* the steam is expanded to *e*, when the exhaust opens, and the piston travels the balance, or nearly half, of the stroke with practically no pressure behind it. This is the second unavoidable fault of the link. On the return stroke the piston reaches *b*, when the exhaust is unavoidably closed and compression begins, the steam on the exhaust side being squeezed by the advancing piston from *b* up to *h*; that is to say, the pressure is piling up before the piston and tending to force it in the opposite direction, and this "prejudicial" pressure is constantly increasing, while the available pressure on the opposite side of the piston is as constantly decreasing, and the piston in the mean time must be kept in motion by the momentum of the train previously acquired. Compression is necessary in all engines, but in the link engine it reaches a degree of maximum, distortion and evil.

Comparatively, immense clearances are necessary in the link engine to keep the compression from mounting away above the chest pressure. In the riding-valve engine compression begins much later, at *a*, and extends a trifle above the chest pressure, filling the clearances with steam equal to the chest pressure; hence no live steam is needed when the valve opens to fill the clearances. The link does the same thing, but in doing so detracts from the power of the engine very seriously. Notwithstanding the link engine had an admission of two inches more of live steam than the riding-valve, the latter developed 36½ per cent. more work, as is shown by the additional areas 1, 2 and 3. Had the admissions been equal, it looks very much as if the riding-valve would have developed nearly 100 per cent. more work. Why it is that an improvement in the most vital part of locomotive economy is not made, certainly seems strange when so many inventors are beating about the

bush with childish and unnecessary schemes. No automatic stationary engine builder would think of using the link, as with it economy is out of the question. Its only merit is simplicity, and this is purchased in its use at a very high price. Facts are facts, and the diagrams presented represent the average practice of automatic stationary engines and the locomotive. Both diagrams were taken from engines in daily use, and fairly represent the immense loss occasioned by the link.

It is said that Mr. Baldwin was very loth to adopt the link, and did so finally because the link became fashionable, and his customers wanted it. Mr. Brooks, of the Brooks Locomotive Works, is on record as saying:

"We all know that our link motion, unfortunately, is imperfect in this direction, and exhausts prematurely as we shorten the travel and work short cut-off. \* \* \* Therefore, while with the ordinary cylinder (referring to the link-motion) we would exhaust at 14 inches on a cut-off of 7 inches. \* \* \* There has been no improvement in the efficient economical working of steam in our locomotive cylinders since the introduction of the link motion, and even this was a step backward rather than forward, except to simplify the details of the valve motion. We do not want to undertake to work it expensively, and let it go 10 inches from the end of the stroke."

The above is what Mr. Brooks thinks. Railroad finances occasionally get into bad shape. General managers with almost autocratic powers are appointed and effect savings in all directions, but they inevitably allow their engines to use the link, and thereby burn 100 pounds of coal, when 55 or 60 pounds would, with a proper valve gear, perform the same work. The 17 and 18-inch link engines of to-day do not begin to compare with the little 15-inch riding-valve engines of 20 years ago, and the latter were not near as good as they might have been; that is, their valve motion, while far better than the link, might have been very greatly improved. It is a remarkable fact that in no type of engine under the sun, where economy is aimed at, is the link used, save in the locomotive, and it can only be accounted for by the further fact that master mechanics are as a rule too practical—graduate from the lathe and vise—who build link engines because their predecessors did, or it may be because they do not know how to build any other kind.

If railroads bought their engines, as do the large manufacturing establishments, on guarantees of specified economy, then the locomotive-building establishments would produce economical engines, and the competition would result, as it has in automatic stationary practice, in the highest practical economy. Like corsets, the link is injurious but fashionable.

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#### English Railway Trains.

Mr. D. M. Yeomans, one of the English railway magnates who has been looking into the railway system of the United States, is reported as follows by an interviewer of the Boston Herald:

"Are the English railways generally well managed, Mr. Yeomans?"

"They are, and I think, with much greater economy than American railways. In point of great speed most of their express passenger trains make wonderful records for express trains. The rule in England is great speed and long distances between stopping places. The Great Northern Railway, which is the finest passenger railway in England, runs its express train through from London to Edinburgh, a distance of 400 miles, with only three stops, and make the distance in 8 hours and 45 minutes. The first 108 miles is run without a stop in 2 hours and 5 minutes. Now the average consumption of coal on one of their fast trains does not exceed 80 pounds to the mile, and for the section of 108 miles no water is taken in on the

way, and only 3,800 gallons consumed on the way. When I gave some of your railway men these facts, they would scarcely credit it—they said it could not be done."

"What is the weight of these express trains, and how many passengers will they carry?"

"The average weight of these express trains—having about 18 coaches—is about 200 tons, exclusive of the engines. The average weight of the passenger coaches is in the neighborhood of 12 tons. There are five compartments in each coach, and there are three classes of coaches. In the first-class coach, which is finely fitted up, six persons are accommodated in a compartment, or 30 in all. In the second and third-class coaches, each compartment accommodates 10 persons, or 50 to a car. You can see from this that for the dead weight carried for each passenger, the English coaches are ahead of our American cars. The average length of the English railway coaches is 30 feet and the entrances are on each side, one to each compartment. Railway travel in Great Britain in the higher classes of cars is much dearer than in America; the cost of a first-class ticket from London to Edinburgh is £7 or \$15, or about 4½ cents a mile. The third-class fare in England is about equal to first-class fare in the United States."

"How are the coaches coupled?"

"Differently from American cars. They are secured or fastened together by screws—right and left screws—and these are tightened up until the buffers press strongly against one another. There are two buffers on each end of a coach, one on each side. These, while they press strongly against those on the coaches in front or behind, have yet spring enough to allow the coaches to easily turn curves, etc., but they do away with all sudden jolts in the stopping or starting of trains. By this method, however, the train is made practically one carriage. But this system of coupling has its disadvantages. A screw may be defective and break at any time. This is one of the reasons why the board of trade has insisted upon the railroads using automatic brakes, which, the moment a train would break in two, for example, would operate and put the brakes on the train."

"Do the English like this style of coaches?"

"They seem to. They are a very conservative people, and do not take readily to new things. Americans, who think their system of railway cars the best, wonder that some live Englishman does not introduce them into England on the railways there. But they have been introduced, and proved a dead failure. That is, the people would not have them. Some three years ago the Midland Railway put on American cars. People came to the station, looked at the cars, but wouldn't go in them. They went to their own coaches on the other roads and left the Yankee cars empty. Of course the Midland had to take them off its line."

#### Yard-Masters' Mutual Benefit Association.

The authorized report of the proceedings of this Association at its seventh annual convention, held at Milwaukee, in June last, shows that the organization is in a prosperous condition. The present membership is 422, which is an increase of 146 since 1877, or during a period of five years. The leading object of the association is to provide for the relief of the families of such of the members as may lose their lives or become totally disabled in their vocation, the funds for that purpose being raised in every case by an assessment of one dollar upon each of the members. Considering the hazardous nature of the duties performed in track-yards, the object is a most laudable one, and deserving of the utmost encouragement.

The proceedings, as published, relate mainly to routine business. The discussions are brief, and contain not a word in reference to safety appli-



## STANDARD STOCK CAR—CHICAGO, BURLINGTON &amp; QUINCY RAILROAD.

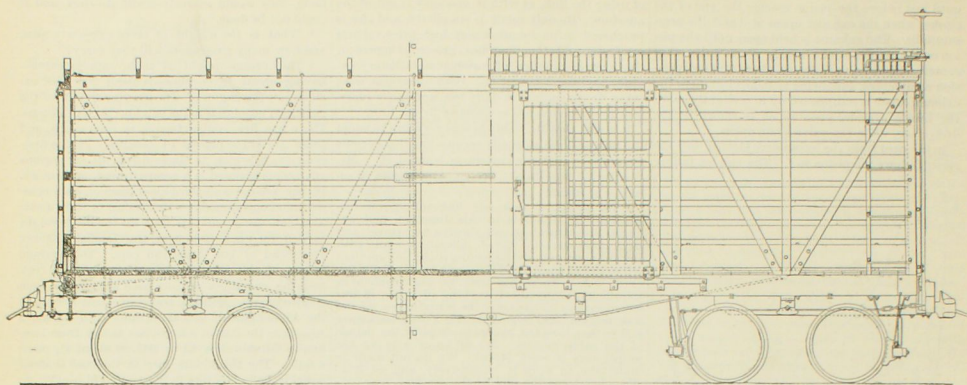


Fig. 1. Section at A. B. (Fig. 4) and Side Elevation.

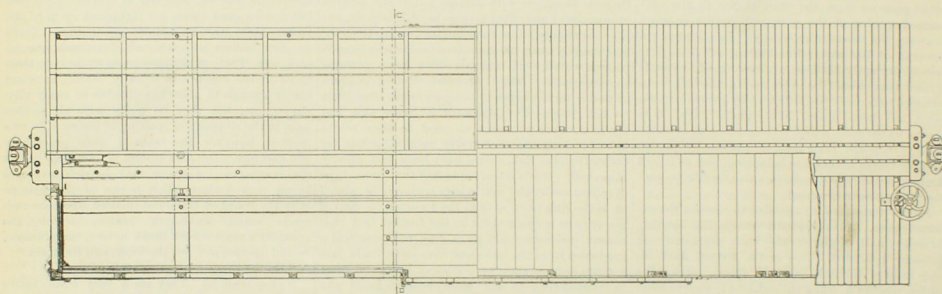


Fig. 2. Plan of Floor and Floor Framing.

Plan of Roof and Roof Framing.

ances in the construction of cars, or needed improvements for the better protection of train men. However important these may be in lessening the perils of track-yard service, it is obvious from what has occurred at one or two previous meetings that these matters had better be let alone as something outside the sphere of the association. They can not be discussed without giving rise to inevitable conflicts of opinion which are productive of no good, and are quite certain to impair the usefulness of the organization in its paramount object of providing relief for the afflicted and disabled.

An amendment was added to the constitution of the association, expelling and disqualifying for future membership any member who shall encourage or engage in labor strikes. A communication from a yard-master was also read, on the importance of greater uniformity in road signals, which was referred to a committee to be reported upon at the next meeting, which will be held in Baltimore on the second Wednesday in June, 1882.

The Wilmington (Del.) News thus describes a new directors' car, completed by Bowers, Dure & Co., of that city, for the Norfolk & Western road: The exterior of the car is Tuscan red, striped and lettered in gold. The platforms are entirely surrounded with iron gates, and so arranged that they may be enlarged by throwing a movable floor

over the steps. The car is supplied with a Westinghouse air brake, Janney's coupler, and two six-wheel trucks. Its interior is finished in unstained oak, after the Eastlake design, and is divided into four apartments, each of which is covered with beautiful Wilton carpet. Its windows are of embossed plate glass, and all are supplied with old gold satin curtains. The parlor, in which an elegant set of furniture will shortly be placed, contains a mirror  $22\frac{1}{2} \times 36$  inches. Joining this apartment are two complete state-rooms supplied with stationary beds, wash-stands, mirrors, etc. They are separated by a sliding door. In the rear of the state-rooms is a large double compartment, such as may be found in a Pullman sleeper. The bunks, when not in use, disappear in the ceiling, and are operated by machinery of a new pattern. When the beds are occupied they are covered on the sides with elegant Turkish-rug curtains, which depend from handsomely-burnished brass rods an inch in diameter. Under them are half a dozen seats covered with Persian silk plush. The other end of the coach is occupied as a culinary department, and complete it is in every particular. This room also contains a patent heater, the bronzed steam pipes of which are distributed in all parts of the car. The lights in the coach are attractive and unique in design. Two of them are what are known as four-light lamps, and are as costly as any ever placed in a railroad car. Among the

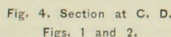
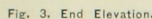
numerous conveniences with which the car is supplied is an electric bell, having connections in each department.

To keep machinery from rusting take one-half ounce of camphor, dissolve in one pound of melted lard; take off the scum and mix in as much fine black lead as will give it an iron color. Clean the machinery and smear with this mixture. After twenty-four hours rub clean with a soft linen cloth. It will keep clean for months under ordinary circumstances.

A BRILLIANT black is produced on iron and steel by applying, with a fine hair brush, a mixture of turpentine and sulphur boiled together. When the turpentine evaporates there remains on the metal a thin layer of sulphur, which unites closely with the iron when heated for a time over a spirit or gas flame. This varnish protects the metal perfectly, and is quite durable.

To harden steel take two teaspoonfuls of water, one-half teaspoonful of flour, and one of salt. Heat the steel enough to coat it with the paste by immersing it in the composition; after which heat it to a cherry red and plunge it into soft water. If properly done, the steel will come out with a beautiful white surface. Stubs' files are said to be hardened in this manner.





GENERAL DIMENSIONS.	
Length of Body out to out of sills.....	30 ft. 6 in
Width " " " " .....	8 " 9 "
Height top of sill to top of plate.....	7 " 1 "
" " floor to under carlins.....	6 " 10 "
Side Door opening.....	5 " "
End " " " " .....	2 " "

Sills.....	h	1	Pine, 6 pieces	5	x	9	in.	x	30	ft.
Side plates.....		2	"	3	x	6	"			
Center Ribbs.....	"	1	"	24	x	3	in.	x	31	"
Sills.....	"	4	"	1 1/2	x	3	in.	x	31	"
Band Molding, sides, hard Pine.....	"	2	"	1 1/2	x	3 1/2	"	x	31	"
Band Molding, ends, hard Pine.....	"	2	"	1 1/2	x	3 1/2	"	x	10	"
Running Bolts, Pine.....	"	2	"	1	x	6	"			
".....	"	4	"	1	x	6	"			
Sign and End Sills.....				7 1/2	x	5 1/2	"	x	16	"
Side Board, clear Pine.....				7 1/2	x	7 1/2	"	x	10	in.
Brake Beams, Elm.....	"	2	"	5 1/2	x	6	"	x	7	"
Brake Beams, Elm.....	"	2	"	5 1/2	x	6	"	x	7	"
Flooring, hard Pine, 610 ft. B. M. 1/4.....				4	x	8	"	x	14	"
End Sills.....Oak, 2 pieces, 43x.....				4	x	8	"	x	9	"
Sign and End Decorative Posts.....				3 1/2	x	3 1/2	"	x	10 1/2	"
Corner.....	"	4	"	3 1/2	x	4 1/2	"	x	6	1/2

Plan of Transom End.

and plate, having wrought nut and washers; washers to be not less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. square or round, and to be made of no lighter iron than No. 8. Braces to have no tenons, but to be

Brake-Hanger.



4½ x 9 in. to be put in between outside and intermediate sills, with tenons ½ in. deep, and a ¾ in. rod, as shown in cut; this piece of oak to be spaced in same relation to truck as end sill be. Brake shoes to be of Condon's patent (patent owned by the company), solid with brake head and of the pattern shown in cut, with face 1¾ in. thick. Top



of brake shaft not to extend over 11 in. above top of running board. Brake shaft of 1¼ in. round iron, held in a cast-iron bracket on top of roof and in a cast-iron step bolted to end sill. All as shown on plan.

**Doors.**—Side doors for 5 ft. openings to be made of 1¾ in. ash frames with (14) ¾ in. rods to each door. End doors for 2 ft. openings and full height, to be made of 1¾ in. ash frames, with five ¾ in. rods. All doors to have top and bottom slide brackets of C, B & Q standard pattern, and to be hung on 2 x ¾ in. wrought-iron slide rails at top and bottom; said rails being supported on cast-iron blocks bolted on to sill and plate, all substantially as shown in plan. The doors are to be provided with strong clasps and staples on the outside and pin hung by a chain. The clasp to be hung on the door step and the staple with pin on chain on the door.

Cattle bars of 1¾ x 7½ in. oak to be provided for side door openings as shown on plan.

A plate of 3 x ¾ in. iron is also to be put in door way on top of the girl across end door of car.

**Painting.**—Body of car to have two coats of Parker's cement or Prince's mineral in oil. Irons and edge of roof to be blackened with lamp black in oil. C, B & Q in 10 in. Roman letters to be put on a sign-board 57½ x 25½ in. located on left of side door and 3 ft. 10 in. from top of sill to bottom of board. Number of car in 9 in. Roman figures to be put on sign-board under C, B & Q. C, B & Q, and number of car in 5 in. Roman letters and figures put on sign-board on each end of car on left side of end door, top of letters to be on level with C, B & Q on sides. Weight of car to be put in left hand lower corner on bottom plank, and division mark and year weight was taken, put in same corner on slat above bottom plank, all in 2½ in. letters and figures. Date when and where built, put on bottom plank in lower right hand corner of car, in 2½ in. letters and figures. Iowa and St. Louis & Rock Island division cars to have in large and small Roman letters, 4 in. and 3 in., the division mark put on upper slat of the three having no space between them, and just to the right of sign-board. All letters and figures to be in white and located as shown in attached sketch. Number of car to be stenciled in black on all four plates of car inside. Trucks to have one coat of lamp black in oil on the outside and one coat of mineral oil over the inside.

**Construction.**—The car throughout is to be made of sound and perfect material. All lumber to be well seasoned, and all work to be put up in a substantial and workmanlike manner; and in all details of which no specific mention has been made herein, shall conform to the plans, or to sample car, or to both, furnished by the company.

The wheels, axles, and brasses are to be plainly marked with month and year when put under. This mark is to be stamped or prick-punched on the inside of wheel, and also on both ends of each axle, together with the initials of the maker of the axle.

Brasses are to be stamped on top in one of the recesses where the mark is not liable to be defaced.

The Ohio Falls Car Co., at Jeffersonville, Ind., is building 10 new passenger cars and 100 sets of freight car trucks for the Louisville & Nashville road.

The best way to keep ice in hot weather is to wrap it in a piece of dry flannel or carpet and place it on two sticks at the top of a basin or water jug. The main point is to keep it out of the water which accelerates the melting. The practice of wetting the flannel is almost as bad as leaving the ice in the water.

Several Chicago manufacturing establishments have been compelled during the past two months to advertise for skilled labor. Common labor is ordinarily plenty, but there can scarcely be said to be an over-abundance of it, while skilled mechanical labor has been positively in demand. Draughtsmen have also had their hands more than full.

#### Bill of Material and Labor for Grain and Open Stock Cars, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R.

	One Grain Car.	One Open Stock Car.
Lumber.....	4,538 ft.	\$91.96
Wrought iron.....	3,423 lbs.	80.07
Cast iron.....	2,450 "	52.00
Nails.....	87 "	3.03
Lag bolts.....	1.20	7
Screws.....	10 gro.	6.00
Split keys.....	16	.45
Washers.....	1.53	1.07
Nuts.....	158 lbs.	5.70
Carriage bolts.....	70	.60
Chain.....	4 ft.	.20
Coupling pins.....	24 lbs.	.84
Coupling links.....	21 "	.73
Gas pipe.....	7 ft.	.63
Channel bar iron.....	450 lbs.	13.76
Axles.....	1,533 "	54.33
Wheels.....	8	102.12
Booster springs.....	4	29.28
Buffer springs.....	2	3.28
Spring couplers.....	8	.04
Journal brasses.....	8	12.48
Coal.....	900 lbs.	2.30
Paint.....	161 "	7.00
Total cost of material.....	\$409.53	\$454.38
Carpenters, framing and erecting.....	33.50	31.50
Track men, erecting.....	2.10	2.10
Machinists.....	5.38	5.38
Blacksmiths.....	15.00	15.00
Painters.....	2.74	2.10
Total Cost of Labor.....	\$59.41	\$56.86
Total Cost of Car.....	\$528.94	\$511.24

#### Improved Smoke-Stack Construction.

To the Editor of the National Car-BUILDER.

In the ordinary diamond-top stack the top part of diamond is held to the bottom by bolts passing through the flanged projections, the netting being held between the two flanges, and a joint made with red lead. This plan is both expensive, unsatisfactory in every way, as the almost innumerable small bolts, the great amount of time involved, and the tendency of the red lead to get loose and allow of the escape of smoke at the joint, have long made this plan a nuisance.

In Fig. 1, *b* is a ring of 1½ or 1¼ inch angle iron, and *a* a link thrown over two lugs formed on this ring. In Fig. 2, *b* is the ring again and *a* the link. In Fig. 3, *a* is a section of the netting, *b* *b* diamond, *d* one of four rivets in the top part to merely retain netting in position, and *c* a section of the angle iron ring. Fig. 4 is a full sized section of the ring when finished. The angle iron is first heated to a red heat for about 18 inches. It is then placed on a ring whose diameter is that of the diamond at its largest diameter, and whose section is the inside lines of Fig. 4. It is held to the ring by a pair of tongs at the end, and bent down on to the ring, the

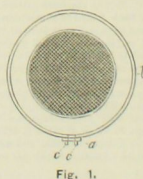


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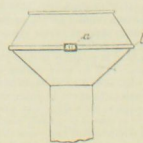


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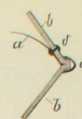


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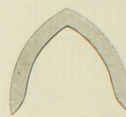


Fig. 4.

sides being rapidly closed in on the ring or former by light hammering simultaneously on each side. It is then removed to the fire and another 18 or 20 inches heated and formed. Two lugs, *c* *c* Fig. 1, are forged on to it at the ends, and it is then ready for the stack.

A clamp formed of two short bars with screws about 10 inches long, with square heads for a wrench, is placed over the lugs, which when loose on the stack stand about 6 or 8 inches apart, and the ring drawn tight on to the stack. The link *a* is then placed on to the lugs at their points, the clamp removed, and the link driven up to the ring. The lugs *c* *c* stand a little wider at their points than base to prevent the link from working off. Previous to placing the ring on the stack a little red lead is smeared on its inside to insure a tight joint. The flanges on the half diamonds are not over ¼ of an inch, barely turned out, in fact, to afford a surface to hold the netting between them. This ring can be put on a stack in less than five minutes, while it took hours almost by the old method of bolting, and it can be removed in a minute by knocking the link off the lugs. It makes a perfectly tight joint, and also adds a finish which is ornamental as well as useful. Several roads are using it, and their verdict is "perfection." It is not patented. It will be at once seen that the action of the edges of the ring on the inclined surfaces of the diamond tends to draw the two halves together.

FRANK C. SMITH, M. E.

The Indianapolis & St. Louis shops, at Mattoon, Ill., have just completed a special car for the General Superintendent of the road. It was designed by Master Car-BUILDER G. H. Pratt, is handsomely finished and contains an office and sleeping-room, dining-room and kitchen, with all necessary conveniences.

The Central Ohio R. R. Co. are building at their shops, at Marshalltown, Ia., 100 standard freight cars, in addition to rebuilding and current repairs. Their standard freight truck is a combination of wood and iron, and has 3½ x 6 journals, and Hewitt box lids. A new brick building will be erected for general offices this season, and a new car shop is also in contemplation.

The Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific has just put on its line, to run between Kansas City and St. Louis, a new Pullman palace sleeping-car, which exceeds anything that has yet been produced in this line by Mr. Pullman. The name of the car is Bremen. Its interior is magnificently finished in light woods, highly illuminated in tasteful designs. At one end is a family room and at the other a bridal chamber, both furnished in the highest style of modern art and provided with all modern improvements. A new feature of these rooms is, that instead of berths they are provided with regular bedsteads, chairs, lounges, etc.



STANDARD FREIGHT CAR TRUCK—CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD.

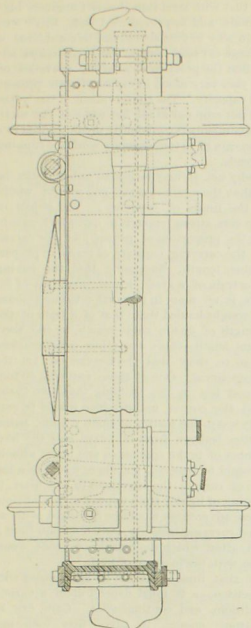


Fig. 1. Transverse Section and End View.

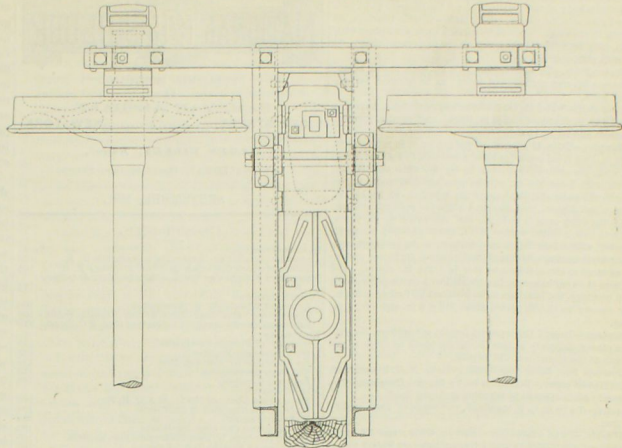


Fig. 2. Part Plan.

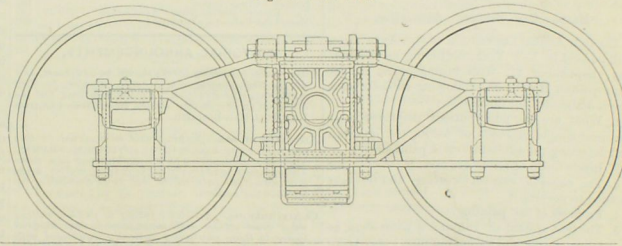


Fig. 3. Side Elevation.

The drawings illustrate the latest design of freight-car truck adopted and built by the above-named road. It is an improvement on the Thielson channel-bar truck formerly used on the road as a standard, and is better adapted for carrying loads of 40,000 pounds, this being the capacity of the company's latest pattern of standard freight-cars. This improved truck is noted for its great strength and good construction, the lip on the arch-bar, large center plate, swing-hangers whose pins rock upon their bearings without sliding, and the addition of safety hangers.

DIMENSIONS.

Wheel Base.....	1 ft. 6 in.
Out to out of Arch-Bars.....	5 " 8 1/4 "
Out to out of Axles.....	6 " 11 1/4 "
Wheel gauge.....	4 " 8 1/4 "
Out to out of Hubs.....	5 " 2 3/4 "
Between faces of Journal Boxes.....	5 " 3 1/2 "
Between centers of Journal Boxes.....	6 " 3 "
Between centers of Journals.....	6 " 3 "
Length of Journals.....	7 "
Diameter of Journals.....	3 3/4 "
Between centers of Arch-Bars.....	6 " 3 "
Between centers of Chafing Plates.....	4 " 8 1/4 "
Between centers of Side Bearings.....	4 " 7 1/2 "
Between centers of Hanger Pins.....	3 " 8 "
Between centers of Hanger Pivots.....	3 " 11 "
Between centers of Safety-Straps.....	2 " 0 "
Between centers of Column Bolts.....	14 "
Between centers of Journal-Box Bolts.....	8 1/2 "
Between faces of Channel Bars.....	10 1/2 "
Top of track to top of Center-Plate.....	2 " 5 "
Top of track to top of Side-Bearings.....	2 " 2 1/2 "
Top of track to top of Swing-Beam.....	2 " 2 3/4 "

MATERIAL—IRON.

For Channel Bars.....	2 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 10 1/2 in. 6 ft. 6 in. long. 2 p's
Top Arch Bars.....	1 1/2 x 3 " 5 " " 2 "
Bottom Arch Bars.....	1 x 3 " 6 " 8 " " 2 "

For Bottom-Straps.....	3/4 x 3 in. 5 ft. 5 in. long. 2 p's
Hanger Pins.....	1 1/2 x 1 1/2 " 1 " 8 1/2 " " 2 "
Hangers.....	3/4 x 3 " 3 " " 2 "
Safety-Straps.....	3/4 x 3 " 4 " " 2 "
Hanger-Eyes.....	1 1/2 x 4 1/2 " 7 " 4 " " 4 "
King-Bolt, rod.....	1 1/2 " 2 " 2 " " 1 "
Bolts, round.....	1 " 17 " 7 1/2 " " 1 "
do.....	3/4 " 5 " 3 1/2 " " 1 "
do.....	3/4 " 3 " 10 1/2 " " 1 "

28 Rivets 3/4 x 2 1/2 for channel-bars and end castings.

8 do. 3/4 x 2 1/2 " hanger castings.

8 do. 3/4 x 1 1/2 " safety-straps.

8 do. 3/4 x 1 1/2 " chafing-plates.

12 Lag Screws 1 1/2 x 2 1/2 in.

4 Split Pins 3/4 x 2 1/2 "

4 do. do. 3/4 x 2 1/2 "

4 Gas-Pipe Thimbles 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 in.

4 Wrought-Iron Washers 1 1/2 in. 3/8, 3/4 hole.

2 Axles, M. C. B. Standard.

4 Wheels, 33 in. narrow tread.

2 Davis' Patent Springs.

STANDARD C., B. & Q. CASTINGS.

2 End Castings.

4 Journal Boxes.

4 " Braces.

4 " Keys.

2 Side-Bearings.

4 Chafing-Plates.

1 Center-Plate.

4 Hanger-Pin Bearings on channel-bars.

2 Hanger Bearings under Spring Plank.

2 Hanger Pivots

TIMBER.

Swing-Beams, oak.....	9 x 9 in. 5 ft. 7 in. long.
Spring-Planks.....	2 1/2 x 9 " 5 " 3 " "
Dust-Guards, pine.....	3 1/2 x 6 " 9 " "

CONSTRUCTION.

**Arch-Bars.**—Top arch-bars to be 1 1/2 x 3 in. iron, 4 ft. 10 1/2 in. long after receiving an upward bend of 3 1/4 in.; each end to be secured to bottom arch-bar by a 3/4 in. bolt with a sunken head on under side. The bottom arch-bar to be 1 x 3 in. iron, bent over at the end and forming a lip on upper side 3 13-16 in. from the end, not welded, the joint between the ends of the arch-bars to come between bolts, as shown, to be 5 ft. 9 1/4 in. long after receiving a downward bend of 9 1/4 in., which carries it down to the bottom strap. Both arch-bars to be bent to make an opening 10 1/4 in. long, and 13 in. high, for the channel-bars and end-casting. The end of both arch-bars, the journal-box and the bottom-strap to be bolted together by two 1-in. bolts, with double nuts.

**End Casting.**—To be of standard C., B. & Q. pattern, 10 1/4 in. wide at end under channel-bars, 10 1/4 in. wide between them and 13 in. high, with lips over both edges of both arch-bars. This casting, when inverted, forms the end-casting in trucks for low flat cars used in construction trains.

**Channel Bars.**—To be 6 ft. 6 in. long and 10 1/2 in. high, with top lip 3 1/2 and bottom lip 2 1/2 in. wide, and all of a uniform thickness of 3/4 in.; to be secured to each end-casting by fourteen 3/4 x 2 1/2 in. rivets, as shown; flanges of channel-bars to be supported by thimbles of 1 1/2 in. gas-pipe, 9 1/2 in. long upon the two column-bolts of 1-in. round iron, which bind the arch-bars, channel-bars, end-casting and bottom-strap all firmly together; bolts to have double nuts.

**Bottom-Strap.**—To be straight, and of 3/4 x 3 in. iron, 5 ft. long.

**Safety-Straps.**—To be 3/4 x 3 in. iron, secured to inside of each channel-bar by two 3/4 x 1 1/2 in. rivets riveted in the tapering holes of the straps.

**Chafing Plates.**—To be 1/2 in. castings 4 x 8 in.; the two on channel-bars to be each secured by two 3/4 x 1 1/2 in. rivets riveted in the tapering holes of chafing plates; the two on the swing beams to be fitted against a shoulder in the beam and each secured with a 1/2 x 2 1/2 in. lag screw in center.

**Swing-Beam.**—To be oak 9 x 9 in. 5 ft. 7 in. long, so formed



at ends that in extreme side motion of car the swing-beam will strike body of end-casting and not the flanges; to be provided with chafing-plates, center plate and side bearings, as shown in drawings. Cars to be carried on center-plate with  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. play between side bearings on car and truck; that is,  $\frac{3}{4}$  on each side.

**Center-Plate.**—To be 30 in. long,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. high above beam, to have a lip over each side of beam; to be secured by four  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. bolts.

**King-Bolt.**—To be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter, 24 in. long, having a head  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. in diameter and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick; and to pass through transom and swing-beam.

**Hangers.**—To be U-shaped, in one piece; of  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 3 in. iron,  $21\frac{3}{4}$  in. long from center of hanger-pin hole to bottom inside of bend; the ends welded on, to be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick, with holes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. square punched diagonally to the length of hanger, for the hanger pin which is to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. square and  $20\frac{3}{4}$  in. long, having 4 holes for split-pins  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. long, the outer ones to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., and the inner  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thick, each to have a round washer  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. thick and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  in. in diameter, with a hole  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. in diameter; to be provided with hanger pin castings having chilled wearing surfaces, and to be secured to channel-bars by two  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. rivets. The bottom of swing-hanger to be provided with castings for pivots and bearings, the bearings to be fastened by four  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in. lag screws to an oak spring-plank  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 in. and 3 ft. 3 in. long.

**Spring.**—To be 2 Davis patent freight car springs, No. 420, and placed obliquely across the spring-plank as much as the length of the spring-box will permit.

**Journal Box, Brakes and Wedge.**—To be M. C. B. standard, with Hewitt cover. Bolt holes to be  $8\frac{1}{4}$  in. from center to center. All brasses to be true up and lead lined.

**Axles.**—To be M. C. B. standard, and made of first quality of iron.

**Wheels.**—To be double plate, narrow tread, and 33 in. in diameter; warranted to make 4 years time, or 50,000 miles, accidents or sliding by brakes excepted.

#### Master Car Painters' Association.

The 12th Annual Convention of this Association will be held in New York, beginning on Wednesday, September 21, with headquarters at the Metropolitan Hotel. The following subjects have been designated for discussion:

1. What are the adulterations employed, and the most simple methods of testing the qualities and detecting the adulterations in paint stock?
2. Inside finish of passenger cars.
3. The cause of varnish sweating, and the best method to prevent it.
4. Progress of car painting.
5. The best system of running a paint-shop, as to grading, rating and managing men; also keeping paint stock, brushes and other tools, serving them out, keeping a record of cars, etc.
6. Outside decoration of passenger cars.
7. The different formations of cracks in varnish, and the cause assigned to each.
8. Head-lining and inside decoration.
9. Locomotive painting.
10. The best and most economical material for, and the best method of painting, freight cars both old and new.

The Woodruff Sleeping & Palace Car Co. have just placed eighteen new cars on different roads throughout the country, and have orders for about twenty-five more. The company has now nearly one hundred cars in use.

Work is progressing actively on the shops of the new Southern Car Works Co., in Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. C. T. Case, late of Detroit, is Superintendent. The company expects to be ready to turn out cars by September.

A MAN in Jackson, Tenn., has preserved in alcohol a bed-bug which was caught in a bed that General Jackson slept in!

A FLORIDA railroad train passed a man on horse-back, and there was great hurrahing among the passengers until it was discovered that the mule was tied to the fence.

"MR. CROW, what are your 'pinion of Sam Toby's character for honesty?" "Wal, as for Sam, I don't know nothin' about him. Some says he's honest and it may be so. I don't say he ain't honest. But this I do say: If I war a chicken, and Sam was about the yard, dis niggah would high, he would."



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#### EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

**Addresses.**—Business letters should be addressed, and drafts and money orders made payable, to THE NATIONAL CAR-BUILDER. Communications for the attention of the Editor should be addressed EDITOR NATIONAL CAR-BUILDER.

**Advertisements.**—Nothing will be inserted in this journal for pay, EXCEPT IN THE ADVERTISING COLUMNS. The editorial department will contain our own views and opinions; and the rest of the reading matter, aside from advertisements, will be such as we consider of interest to our readers.

**Contributions.**—Articles relating to railway rolling stock construction and management, and kindred topics, by those who are practically acquainted with these subjects, are especially desired. Also early notice of changes in railroad officers, organizations and names of companies.

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#### THE INCREASE OF FREIGHT CAR LOADS.

At the last meeting of the Car Builders' Association, there was a brief discussion as to the effect of the maximum freight car loads now carried, upon wheels, axle-journals and rails. Like most of the discussions upon topics suddenly sprung upon the members at these meetings, it was too discursive and rambling to be of much practical value. The drift of what was said, however, indicated pretty clearly that a very great increase has been made of late in the average car load, and that 20 tons is now the rule instead of 10 tons, as in former times. This doubling of the load applies, of course, to the heavier cars of more recent construction. The discussion as reported, contains little or nothing as to the effect of the increased weight upon the wheels, journals and rails, which was the point upon which information was asked for; and the inference is that no injurious effects have been observed, or some specific allusion would have been made to them.

There was, in fact, both a tacit and outspoken admission that with steel rails, heavier engines, bigger journals, and improved road beds, there was no reason why 20 tons should not be considered a fair average car load; and it was furthermore admitted that the practice extensively prevailed of loading cars very much in excess of their present nominal capacity. The conservatism of ten years ago did not crop out at all, but some of the more progressive members confidently predicted that in a few years cars of 30 tons capacity would be running on our roads.

And why not, it may be asked, unless it can be shown that the additional size and weight would exceed the limits of economy? The object in building cars strong enough to carry 30 tons is to increase the proportion of paying load per car, as well as the carrying capacity of trains in proportion to their length. Supposing that the paying load of a train of a given length, made up of 30-ton cars, is no more in proportion to the amount of dead weight hauled than that of a train of the same length of 20-ton cars—which, by the way, we do not admit—there are other considerations which go to show that the heavier cars are the most economical. One of these carrying 30 tons would cost less in the building than two 15-ton cars, and the cost of maintenance would be considerably less in the matter of small repairs, paint, lubrication, leakage from oil boxes and the like, the number of brake appliances and other attachments would be lessened, and there would be a less number of cars in the aggregate to look after, to say nothing of lighter train expenses. It is obvious that these advantages would be increased with an increased carrying capacity, until a certain limit is reached, after which the margin of profit would diminish with the increase of load.

What that limit is can not be ascertained with any precision, as it must depend upon a variety of conditions and contingencies. Cars can be built strong enough to carry fifty tons and more too, but there is necessarily a limit to the weight than can be safely carried upon the present size of journals. If we assume that a car of 20 tons capacity weighs 11 tons, the weight on the journals of car and load would be about 56,600 pounds (wheels and axles, of course, not included), which would be about 7,075 pounds to each journal. This is certainly not excessive for a  $3\frac{1}{4}$  x 7 journal, when a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  x 7 locomotive driving-wheel journal carries 12,000 pounds, and even more. In case of the car journal, the margin of safety as to breakage is ample, and as to heating, there is now no special complaint. At all events, no allusion was made to it in the discussion to which we have referred. We believe the weight per wheel might be considerably increased over the above estimate without increased heating, if the lubrication was properly attended to. There is a maximum limit, however, which must be ascertained by experience, and when it is reached a larger journal will be in order, and ultimately, heavier rails and stronger bridges, or else there must be a limit to the carrying capacity of 8-wheel cars.

With respect to wheels, there should be a certain relative proportion between their diameter and the diameter of the journals. It has been demonstrated, we believe, by engineers who have investigated the subject, that a 33 inch wheel is a little smaller than it should be for a  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in. journal, with due regard to the wearing and rubbing surfaces, weight of load, and factor of safety. So that in case the car load should be increased materially above the present maximum, a larger wheel might become necessary, especially if there should be a corresponding increase in the speed of freight trains. The iron wheels now in service, considering the weight put upon them, the mileage made, and the ordeal of severe winters, are certainly creditable to the makers and a great im-



provement upon those made thirty years ago. The discussion referred to revealed no weakness in the wheels under 20-ton cars, and the assurance was given by a prominent wheel maker that if railway men insisted upon having 30-ton cars, wheels adequate to the service would be ready for them—meaning, we suppose, 33-inch wheels.

#### FAST PASSENGER ENGINES.

There is a desire in this country for a type of passenger locomotive that will haul trains not exceeding 200 tons in weight, at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour, over good tracks, with no very heavy grades or sharp curves, and without any material increase of the present average running expenses and cost of track repairs. This, briefly stated, is what is wanted for fast passenger, mail and express service upon our leading railway lines. Whether engines can be devised of such improved construction as will meet this demand, under the conditions named, is a matter of a good deal of present uncertainty. The vastly increased working capacity of the locomotive since the advent of railroads has been due to improved construction. The principle of the machine is the same now as it was fifty years ago, and it is reasonable to suppose that unless the limit of development has actually been reached, there is still a margin for further improvement as respects greater speed with a given weight of train upon an adequate foundation of road bed and track.

Upon this problem the recent report of the Committee of the Master Mechanics' Association upon the "Best Form of Construction of Locomotives for Fast Passenger Service," throws some light. The report embodies a concise statement of the difficulties to be overcome, as derived from the experience of a number of the most capable members of that organization, and who seem to concur in the opinion that the running of fast trains with engines specially designed for the purpose is a kind of luxury which the passenger business of only a few roads in this country will justify. The reasons for this opinion are so plain that even a layman can hardly fail to appreciate their force. An engine with a single pair of driving-wheels not less than 6 feet in diameter, would seem to be the best adapted for speed—other things being equal—as compared with 4-wheel connected drivers. But the trouble is that the "other things" are not equal, nor is it at all probable that any amount of mechanical ingenuity can make them so. The lack of adhesion with single drivers necessitates light trains, or the drivers will slip in starting. If weight enough is put on them to secure the necessary adhesion at the start, it is too much for running, and although it can be reduced somewhat by a special arrangement for changing the bearings on the equalizing beams, it still exceeds the maximum limit of what a single wheel should bear—say 15,000 pounds—and in consequence of such concentration, is severe on the journals and track.

It is manifest that special engines for fast trains are not adapted to the varying conditions of service on American roads. We must have engines suited to the prevailing curves and grades, and capable of handling light or heavy trains as occasion may require. For this, the distinctively American type, with four coupled drivers not exceeding 6 ft. in diameter, cylinders 18 x 24 or 20 x 24, and a boiler of the utmost practicable steam-producing capacity, is undoubtedly the best. The weight is fairly distributed upon journals and track; there is sufficient adhesion for starting and for overcoming grades, the strength of the present standard rail is not overtaxed, and a uniform speed of 50 miles an hour with ordinary trains, say of 200 tons, can be maintained on tracks in average good condition. To accomplish anything more

than this in regular express passenger service is not practicable without an increase of cost, or in other words, lighter trains and greater proportionate wear and tear of permanent way. Let these engines be taxed with no more work than the best engines were required to perform twenty years ago, and 60 miles an hour would be a very common-place performance. But since then their work has been doubled, with no change in gauge of track except to make it uniformly narrower, and thus prevent any lateral enlargement of fire-boxes upon which boiler capacity so much depends; and it must also be borne in mind that the amount of train resistance per ton at a speed of 50 miles an hour is more than twice what it is at 20 miles an hour.

There is a great deal of exceptional fast running on our roads with the most approved American type of engines of recent construction. Instances are constantly occurring of the attainment of speeds very much exceeding a mile a minute. These performances show what can be done on parade, and the time may come when they will cease to be exceptional and become the rule, but not until they are made remunerative. The element of cost can not well be ignored, and until the roads can see their profits in heroic running, the brakes will be applied a little in advance of the point where the loss begins. We want high speed for express service, passengers and mails, but not at the cost of running only half trains. The indispensable thing is not merely to run a mile a minute with two or three cars, but to do it with at least seven cars, including two or three sleepers. There are plenty of engines with four 5-ft. drivers that can get over a tolerably straight and level track as fast as prudent people wish to ride, but they must not destroy themselves and the cars and track too rapidly, or the traffic will not pay.

#### VALUATION OF FREIGHT CARS.

On another page will be found a very useful and convenient table of 8-wheel freight car valuations, prepared by Mr. Orton, of the Canada Southern Railway, and based on Rule 17 of the revised code relative to settlements for cars destroyed in interchange traffic. The use of the table will be readily understood by the accompanying explanation. The calculations of yearly depreciations have been very carefully made, and their correctness verified by repeated tests. In the making of settlements under the rule, the convenience of these figures will be appreciated in the saving of time and labor and in avoiding liability to make errors.

#### NO VACATIONS FOR RAILWAY MEN.

The summer vacation season brings a brief respite from toil to the great majority of every class of workers except railroad men, the very ones of all others who stand most in need of the benefits of rest and recuperation. Their duties during the dog-day furores are in no respect lightened, but rather augmented. If the freight movement is diminished somewhat in volume, as compared with what it is at other seasons, the difference is made up by the tide of summer passenger travel in all directions, stimulated by excursion fares, cut rates, and the devices of enterprising passenger agents in advertising the rural and picturesque attractions of the various lines. The passenger service must needs be kept to its highest standard of efficiency in order to meet the requirements of an exacting public. The strain upon the many grades of employes upon whose vigilance and fidelity every thing depends, is unintermitting. The faculties of mind and body must be kept in constant tension. Each and all are parts of a machine which becomes deranged in its general working by the least neglect in the matter of detail.

Train dispatchers, engineers, conductors, telegraphers, flag and switchmen must be on the alert day and night; and then the hard-working, much-abused baggage men, whose patience and endurance during the season of pleasure travel, when nearly every road is literally a "trunk" line, fall little short of the miraculous. There is no summer vacation for these men. Their duties are, indeed, all the more arduous that others may go to the mountains and the sea-side for rest and enjoyment. Nor is it very much different with the higher grades of railway men, the executive officers and heads of departments, whose functions cannot be delegated to temporary incumbents without risk to the harmonious working of the subordinate parts. There is, in fact, no class of men that work harder than railroad men, or who stand more sorely in need of summer vacations, and whose opportunities for relaxation are so slight.

#### THE "BAGGAGE-SMASHER."

The best abused man in the entire fraternity of railway operatives is the so-called "baggage-smasher." In popular estimation he is, in his own particular sphere, a veritable Ishmaelite, as devoid of human sympathy and as little deserving of it as a wandering outlaw of the desert. He has no status in good society, and cares nothing for the proprieties or vanities of civilized life. His business is to toss packages about, break straps, knock castors from trunks, shake up their contents, and make a wreck of everything he handles, with an impunity that is quite amazing. He never regrets, well knowing that he would get no credit for yielding to a weakness so foreign to his vocation, and so he goes on making business for the trunk makers, and earning maledictions from the whole traveling community.

This is the way the thing looks to outsiders, who never think of weight in connection with a four-story Saratoga trunk, packed by hydraulic pressure until it is as heavy as a barrel of Portland cement. If these inconsiderate people would only exchange places with the baggage men for a day or two, and let the "smashers" look on while the grumblers do the work, there would probably be less occasion for fault-finding. The truth is, that in spite of popular prejudice there is really no class of railway men more deserving of commendation for the faithful performance of their arduous duties than those connected with the baggage department, and especially the men who do the handling. There are, no doubt, exceptional cases where baggage is roughly handled and banged about for the fun of the thing, but in the great majority of cases in which personal baggage is damaged more than what results from ordinary wear and tear, the fault is in the unnecessary and excessive weight put into the larger sized trunks, and which is out of proportion to the strength of the trunk frames. Aside from the mere handling, the numerous packages have to be classified for convenient delivery at all sorts of way stations with the least possible delay, and with no risk of mistakes. Much of this personal baggage is exceedingly valuable, and must be carefully watched to prevent loss and liability for damages.

There can be no question that the amount of personal baggage transported over the roads at all times, and especially during the season of summer travel, is far in excess of what there is any actual necessity for. But the road companies themselves are mainly to blame for this. Heretofore the limit of free transportation has been 100 pounds of baggage for each passenger, and this liberal allowance, instead of being reduced, has been extended to 150 pounds, and not very strictly adhered to at that, in view of the competition which exists between rival lines. But the present system is likely



to be kept up in spite of its inequality, as it affects both the roads and the public, and the obnoxious "baggage-smasher" is likely to figure even more conspicuously in the future than he has done in the past. But it is time that the prevailing impression in regard to his wanton and innate trunk-smashing propensities should be corrected, or at least modified, and his just deservings, as well as the arduous and responsible nature of his duties, more fully recognized.

#### RAILROAD MONOPOLY.

A conference of anti-monopoly agitators was held at Utica on the 18th of August to protest against the tyrannical exactions of railway corporations, and to arouse public attention to the importance of applying a remedy. These corporations, it is alleged, are so many baneful and wicked agencies seeking to concentrate wealth in the hands of a dominating privileged class, by controlling the channels of transportation, levying tribute on the productive industries of the country, corrupting legislation, and threatening to undermine the structure of the government itself; and all this is to be brought about by secret and cunning processes rendered doubly formidable by the resistless power of combination. And yet at the very moment these malcontents were promulgating this wretched demagogic trumpery, passengers were being carried, under their very noses, on the line of the New York Central railroad, from New York to Chicago, for \$7, or for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cent, a mile, and grain and provisions at the rate of 15 cents per 100 lbs. from Chicago to New York. Although it may be said that these ruinous rates are the result of a suicidal war between the trunk lines, it is none the less cheap transportation. There is certainly no monopoly about it, and were it not for the gravity of the case, the respective attitudes of the agitators and the railroads would border on the ludicrous.

If railroad companies are monopolies, either singly or in local combinations, they are manifestly their own worst enemies, and may safely be left to work out their own destruction. So, at least, it would appear to a mere looker-on when a war of rates is in progress, each line underbidding its rivals regardless of the "cost of service" or "what the traffic will bear," throwing away profits by the million and prolonging a contest that might be avoided by a little mutual confidence in making and keeping agreements. The truth is, there is no monopoly, extortion or combination, nor is there likely to be. The utter absurdity of the charges put forth by the agitators must be apparent to every intelligent observer of the operations of trade and the relations of railway transportation with the present wide spread business prosperity. Some kind of regulation is certainly needed, not for the prevention of extortionate charges, but to insure rates that are fair, stable and reliable, with no risk of throwing the business of the country periodically into confusion. Low rates are not a benefit unless they are remunerative. Performing a service at less than its cost is sure to hurt somebody, and when the folly is perpetrated on a big scale it eventually hurts almost everybody, in spite of seeming or temporary advantages. The great rival lines will sooner or later have to regulate themselves so as to avoid mutual cutting, scalping and tomahawking, or else the time will come when they will be regulated from the outside. What this kind of regulation is likely to be can be gathered from the current utterances of the anti-monopoly leaguers, and the granger legislation seven or eight years ago.

The entrance to the new six-story hotel in Denver is said to be so very wide that a man must be very drunk, indeed, who can't start from the opposite side of the street and hit it at least seven times out of ten.

*The Tradesman*, published at Chattanooga, Tenn., is, so far as we are aware, the only industrial trade journal in the South. It is conducted with an ability that can hardly fail to give a new impetus to the development of Southern resources. It will give special attention to the International Exposition, at Atlanta, Ga., which will open Oct. 5, and will publish complete and classified lists of parties engaged in industrial pursuits in the South, and forming a reliable directory of Southern industries.

*The Railway Herald and Purchasing Agent* is the name of a new monthly paper just started in Boston. Mr. George A. Schaffer is managing editor, and Mr. Frank T. Sivert business manager. The initial numbers are neatly printed, and contain an interesting variety of editorial and selected matter pertaining to railway and other departments of mechanical engineering and construction. The paper is to be changed at an early day from a monthly to a weekly publication.

*The Elevated Railway Journal*, in spite of the vacation season, is as spicy, varied and readable as ever. This is no reflection on the editor-in-chief, who is supposed to be luxuriating among rural scenes, but it shows that his assistants understand the ropes.

F. M. ATKINSON & Co. manufacture at their works at Melrose, on the line of the Northwestern R. R., ten miles from Chicago, all kinds of cast-steel car springs, including elliptics, Hebbard, round bar and other spirals. The tempering is by a peculiar process of their own which adds to the durable qualities of the springs, and renders them both light and strong. The shipping facilities of the firm are of the best, and the works have a maximum capacity for supplying 100 cars a day. They are the only works of a similar kind in Chicago, and may be regarded as a new industry, the successful development of which is due to the energy and perseverance of Mr. F. M. Atkinson, the leading member of the firm. The office of the firm is at 157 Washington street, Chicago.

THE TANTIE CO., of Stroudsburg, Pa., has received from the Commissioners of the Sydney (New South Wales) International Exhibition, a beautifully engraved certificate of award, accompanied with a bronze medal, as a token of the superior excellence of the line of products manufactured by the company, the most prominent of which are its world-renowned emery wheels. It is a well-deserved tribute to American skill and enterprise. A similar award was received by the company not long since from the Geneva Exhibition, Switzerland.

THE FRENCH SPIRAL SPRING CO. (limited), of Pittsburgh, Pa., has issued a beautifully illustrated and descriptive catalogue of its principal styles and patterns of railway car springs for bolsters, pedestals and equalizers. The cuts are one-quarter size and of superior excellence, showing the character of each spring to perfection. The steel plate representation of the miscellaneous group on last page of cover is worthy of a gilt frame.

#### Our Directory.

We note the following changes since our last issue. Readers are requested to give us prompt notice of changes when they occur:

*Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe*.—Mr. C. C. Wheeler has resigned the position of Assistant General Manager of the Chicago & Northwestern to accept that of General Manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, in place of Mr. W. B. Strong, who has been elected President.

*Atlantic & Pacific*.—Mr. D. B. Sibley has been appointed Purchasing Agent, with office in Chicago.

*Boston, Hoose Tunnel & Western*.—Mr. John N. Wellington has been appointed General Superintendent, with headquarters at Mechanicsville, N. Y.

*Chicago, Burlington & Quincy*.—Mr. F. C. Rice is appointed Superintendent of the Galsburg Division, in place of Mr. E. Ryder, who has gone to the Minneapolis & St. Louis.

*Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton*.—Mr. Lewis Williams has resigned as General Manager. Mr. Chas. M. Woodward has been appointed Purchasing Agent.

*Flint & Pere Marquette*.—Mr. Sanford Keeler, heretofore Superintendent, will hereafter have the title of General Superintendent. Mr. W. F. Potter is appointed Superintendent Eastern Division, and Mr. V. Meredith Superintendent Western Division.

*Illinois Central*.—Mr. T. J. Hudson is Superintendent of Chicago Division, in place of Mr. C. A. Beck, promoted to Assistant General Superintendent. Mr. Wm. Wilkinson succeeds Mr. Hudson as Superintendent of the Springfield Division. Mr. H. L. Frisbie is made Superintendent of the Middle Division in place of Mr. Wilkinson.

*International & Great Northern*.—Mr. Joseph Hurion is appointed Superintendent of the San Antonio Division, and Mr. R. B. Pegram Superintendent of the Gulf Division.

*Lake Shore & Michigan Southern*.—Mr. Charles Paine has resigned as General Superintendent. It is said the vacancy will not be filled immediately.

*Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington*.—Mr. H. Middleton has been appointed Master Mechanic in place of Mr. Schaeffer, resigned. Mr. Middleton has held the same position on the main line of the Louisville & Nashville.

*Michigan Central*.—Mr. F. C. Nicholas is appointed Superintendent of the Western Division, in place of O. Wheeler, who has gone to the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba.

*New Haven & Northampton*.—Mr. C. A. Goodnow has been appointed Superintendent, with office in New Haven, Conn. Heretofore President Yeannas has been Superintendent also.

*New York & Greenwood Lake*.—Mr. George Hill has been appointed Master Mechanic, with office at Pompton Junction, N. J. He was recently in the Erie shops at Port Jervis.

*Nevada Central*.—Mr. F. W. Dunn, previously Assistant Superintendent, has been appointed Superintendent.

*Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville, and Springfield & Northwestern*.—These roads will hereafter be operated as a part of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific.

*Pennsylvania Company*.—It is announced that Mr. Wm. A. Baldwin has accepted the position of Assistant General Manager. He is now General Superintendent of the Philadelphia & Erie Division, Pennsylvania Railroad.

*Poughkeepsie, Hartford & Boston*.—Superintendent J. A. Perkins will hereafter act also in the capacity of Purchasing Agent, in place of A. W. Cable, deceased.

*St. Paul & Duluth*.—Geo. H. Smith has resigned the position of General Superintendent, and E. Q. Sewall has been appointed to succeed him.

*St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba*.—Mr. C. O. Wheeler has been appointed Superintendent of the Northern Division, in place of J. H. Sullivan, resigned. Mr. Wheeler has been on the Michigan Central.

*Troy & Boston*.—Mr. E. E. Aldrich, who has been Superintendent for the past two years, died in Troy, of typhoid fever, Aug. 11.

*Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific*.—Mr. George W. Stevens is appointed Superintendent of the Ohio & Indiana Division, with office at Ft. Wayne, Ind., in place of Mr. K. H. Wade, who has gone to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

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#### CONTINUOUS DRAW-BAR PATENTS.

The following circular has been issued by the Secretary of the Western Railroad Association: CHICAGO, Sept. 9, 1880.

To the Members of the Association: GENTLEMEN: Claims have been pending for several years that the Continuous Draw-Bar sold by the Continuous Draw-Bar Company under the Middleton and the Griffin and Patterson patents is an infringement of patent 71,380, granted 2d December, 1877 (reissue No. 8,068, granted 10th February, 1878), to Edward L. Caum.

This Association has continuously advised against entertaining this claim, but to quiet all questions, and at our instigation, the Continuous Draw-Bar Company has recently purchased the Caum patent, its owners inserting in the assignment a full and absolute release to the members of the Eastern and Western Railroad Associations from any and all liability for, or on account of, any infringement heretofore of said patent.

Yours truly,  
J. H. RAYMOND, Secretary, etc.



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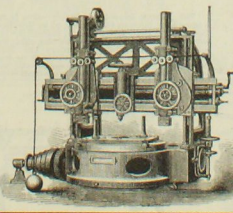
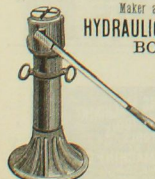
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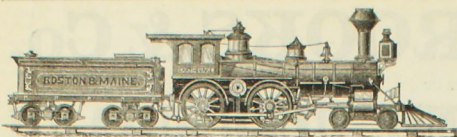
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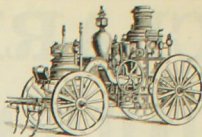
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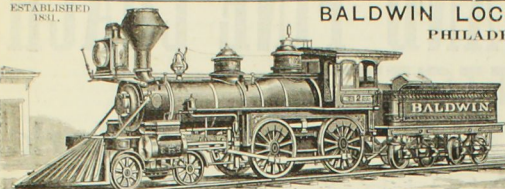
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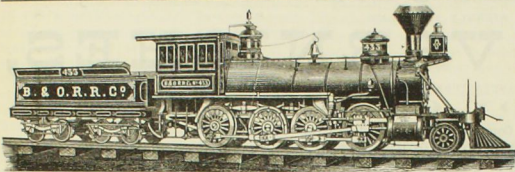
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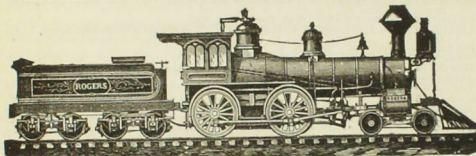
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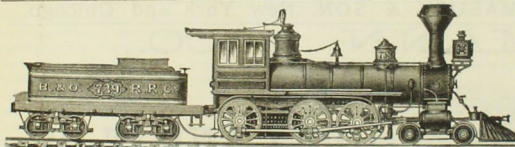
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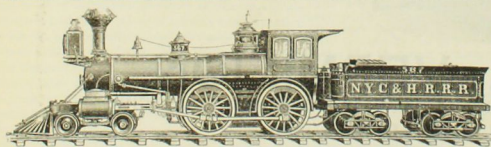
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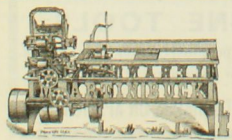
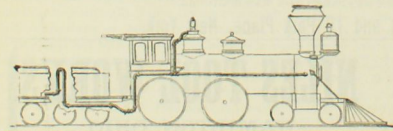
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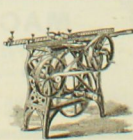
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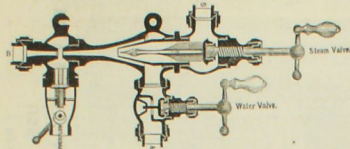




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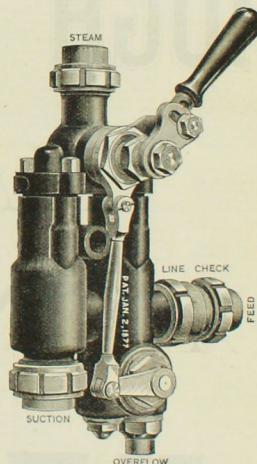
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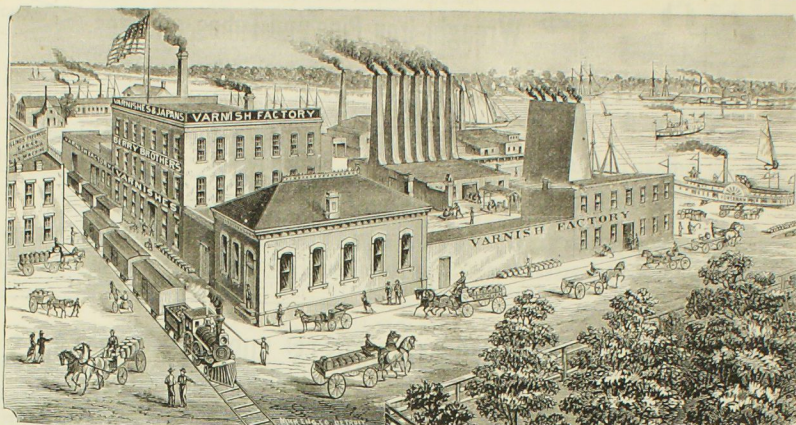
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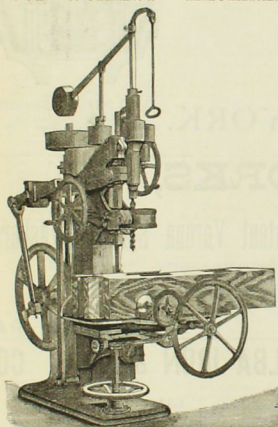
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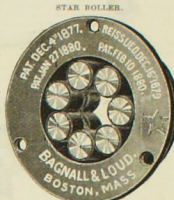
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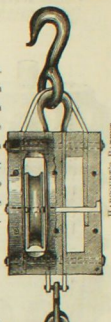
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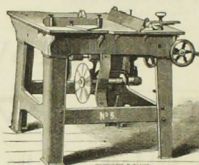
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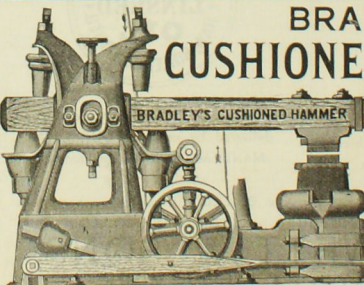
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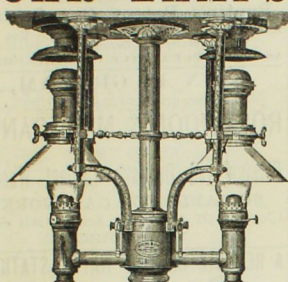
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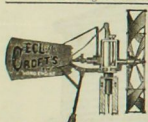
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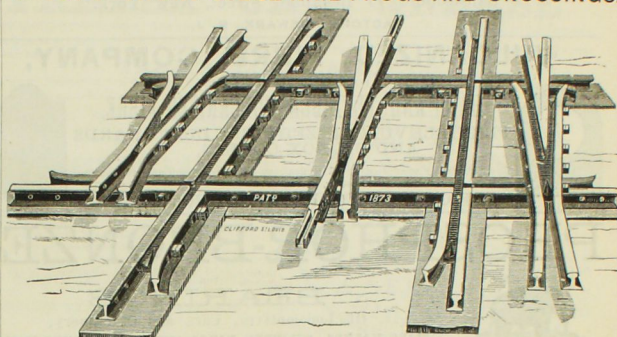


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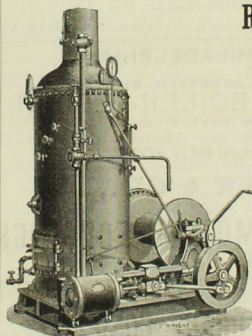
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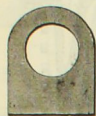
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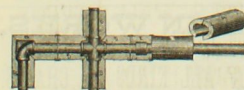
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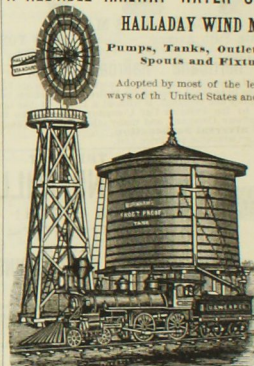
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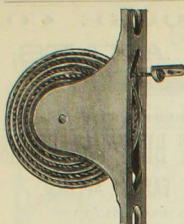
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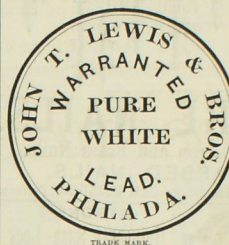
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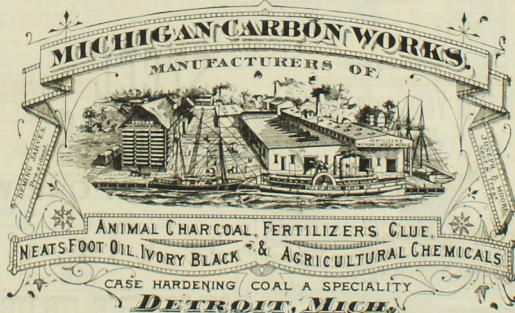


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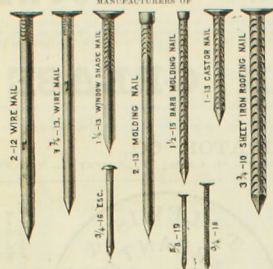
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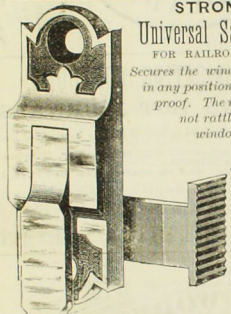
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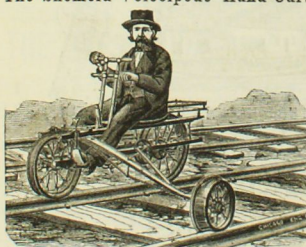
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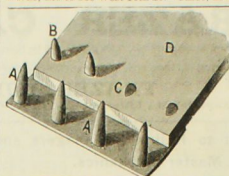
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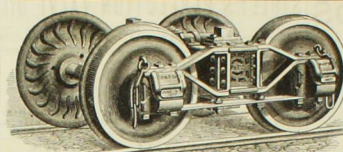
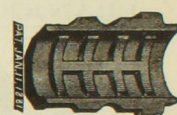
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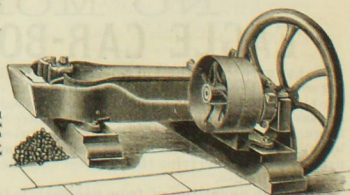
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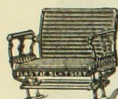
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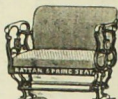
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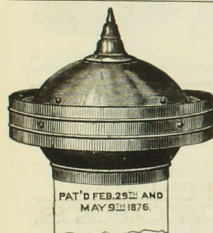
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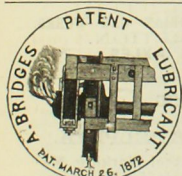
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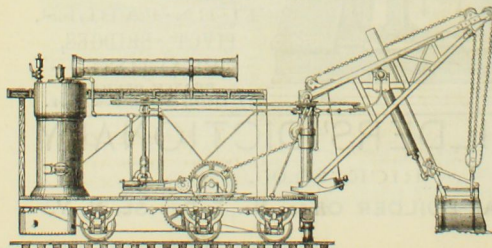
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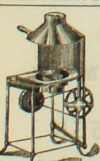
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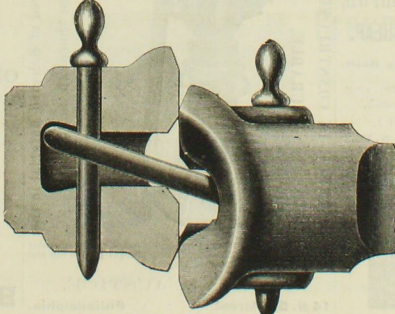
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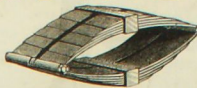
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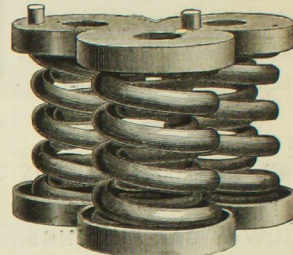
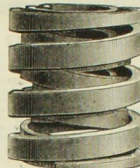
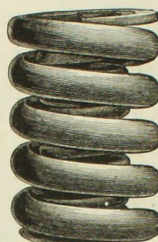
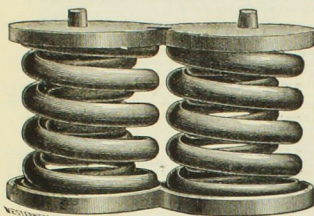
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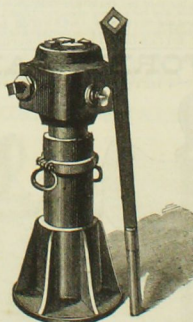
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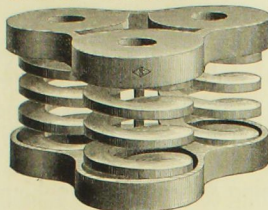
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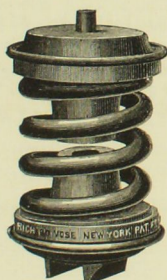
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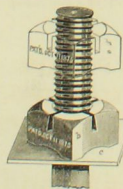
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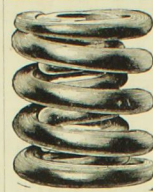
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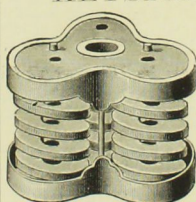
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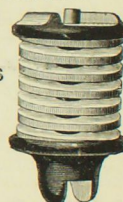


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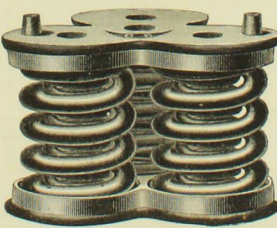
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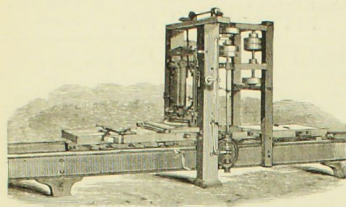
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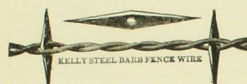
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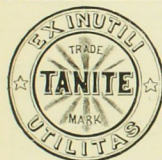
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